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Fugitives forced warder to help them scale wall with pistol hidden in running shoe

Baker sets up enquiry on Brixton jail escape

By Richard Ford, political correspondent
and Stewart Tendler, crime correspondent

ALL prisoners awaiting trial on terrorism charges have been moved out of Brixton jail in south London, and the government has ordered an independent enquiry into the escape by two IRA suspects on Sunday.

Kenneth Baker, the home secretary, told the Commons that the two remaining prisoners on terrorism charges in Brixton jail were moved under tight security yesterday morning. A new secure unit, designed to hold 48 category A high-risk inmates at Belmarsh prison, Woolwich, is to be opened in September, two months ahead of schedule.

The Home Office has instructed governors of prisons, other than the dispersal prisons, which hold category A inmates, to review their procedures and security arrangements. In a statement to MPs, Mr Baker said governors should give immediate consideration to whether religious services could be provided for high-risk prisoners in their secure units rather than allowing them to move through the prison to chapel.

On Sunday morning Nessan Quinlivan and Pearse McAuley escaped from Brixton prison while being escorted back to their cells from a Mass in the prison chapel. Scotland Yard sources said they forced a prison officer at gunpoint to help them scale the prison wall.

Ministerial embarrassment was heightened by the disclosure that the escape might have been thwarted had the perimeter wall been fitted with an "anti-climb" device, as recommended by Judge Tumim in December 1990. All Brixton's highest security inmates were to be moved to a new prison 11 months later, and "the feeling was that we should muddle by for a few months", one senior Home Office source said.

Quinlivan and McAuley, both aged 26, were remanded at Bow Street magistrates' court on April 4, on charges of conspiring to murder Sir Charles Tidbury, the former chairman of Whitbread brewers, and of conspiring to cause explosions.

Senior Scotland Yard officers suspect the men are now hiding in a safe house in the London area and may join the current IRA campaign. Yesterday Scotland Yard's anti-terrorist branch raided the homes of known Irish republican supporters and recent visitors to the men.

The pistol used by Quinlivan and McAuley was a small-calibre weapon, probably a .25 holding seven bullets and about four inches long. It was hidden in a cavity in the sole of the baseball-type trainer which McAuley left behind when he escaped. McAuley also left a blood-stained shirt in the street outside the prison.

In the Commons the home secretary came under strong attack from Opposition MPs who called on him to resign. Roy Hattersley, the shadow home secretary, said the public had greeted the escape with a combination of "anger and incredulity that such a thing should happen".

Mr Baker told the Commons that Judge Tumim, the chief inspector of prisons, would carry out an immediate enquiry. He would review the security arrangments for handling high-risk prisoners and assess how they operated at Brixton.

With MPs anxious to know how a pistol and bullets had been smuggled into the prison, Mr Baker said all visitors had to be cleared and their identities verified by the police. They were screened by metal detectors, were not allowed to take in any hand baggage and two officers remained in the room, within sight and earshot of prisoners and their visitors. Prisoners were searched before and after a visit.

Mr Baker said the two men had been given a rub-down search before leaving the secure unit for the chapel and had been escorted by three officers. After the service, a dog patrol supervised them between the chapel and main prison building.

One of the prisoners produced a gun and held a prison officer hostage. The prisoner fired a shot above the officer's head while the other prisoner took the officer's keys and gained access to the prison centre. Another shot was fired which passed through the clothing of an officer. The prisoners and their hostage went through two gates before entering a builders' yard. A shot was fired to keep pursuing staff at bay.

Once over the wall, they threatened a prison officer cleaning his car, drove away in the vehicle, but abandoned it when their route was blocked.

On Brixton Hill they stopped a driver, ordered him from his car and shot him in the upper right thigh before driving into Brixton. There they abandoned the car and, with money taken from the car driver, took a taxi to Baker Street underground station.

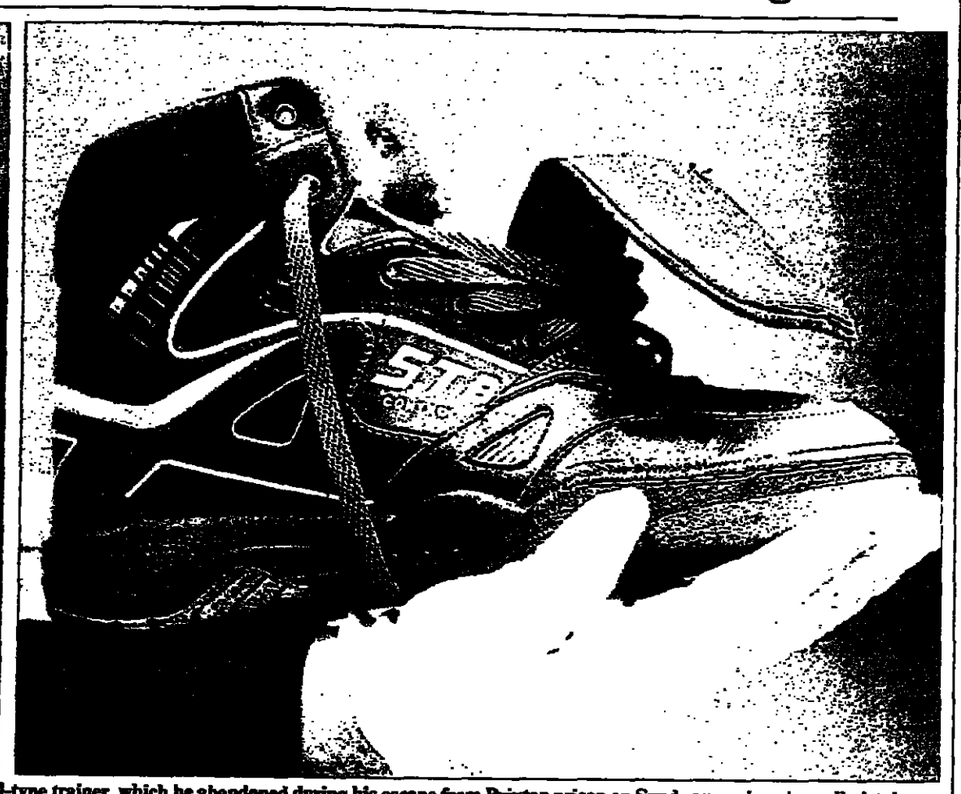
The area around the station is crowded with tourists, even on a Sunday morning, and police appealed for information on possible sightings.

Mr Baker did not answer allegations by Roy Hattersley, the shadow home secretary, that the men had been held together in an annex overlooking a builders' yard from which they fled the prison, or that one gate in the prison had been open because its security lock had not been fixed.

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Baker: ordered enquiry into jail escape



Lethal weapon: McAuley's baseball-type trainer, which he abandoned during his escape from Brixton prison on Sunday morning. A small pistol, hidden in a cavity in the sole, was used to threaten prison officers, forcing them to help with the breakout

Briton treated well by Baghdad



Richter: tanned, fit and "remarkably perky"

By Michael Binyon
Diplomatic Editor

IAN Richter, the British businessman imprisoned on bribery charges in Iraq since 1986, said yesterday that he had been treated "remarkably well", and conditions had improved since the end of the Gulf war.

His wife Shirley was allowed to see him yesterday for the first time in a year, after receiving an Iraqi visa and help from the Soviet embassy in Baghdad.

Mr Richter, aged 45, was interviewed in his cell by Independent Television News, raising hopes that he may soon be released. The Foreign Office said yesterday that it was making "every effort" to secure his freedom and was working for his release as soon as possible.

Mr Richter told ITN that he had his own cell with a cooker where he was allowed to prepare his food. He had plenty of exercise and access to tuition — though he had been denied the chance to take an examination in accountancy. His interviewer said he was tanned, fit and "remarkably perky" although a bit thin. There were food and water shortages during the Gulf war, especially during the bombing.

Mr Richter said he had no idea when he would be released. "One waves high and low and has ups and downs, but there is very little hard information to come by."

Major pledges shake-up of environment control

By Michael McCarthy, environment correspondent

JOHN Major yesterday followed his predecessor Margaret Thatcher in proclaiming a comprehensive vision of global environmental dangers, and went further by announcing plans for Britain's first integrated Environmental Protection Agency, an idea the Thatcher government twice rejected.

In his first significant green speech, Mr Major laid claim to the oft-declared Thatcher concern for the health problems of the planet, from destruction of tropical forests to destablisation of the global atmosphere, though with a homelier touch to his rhetoric: the world's population, he said, harking back to his childhood reading, had behaved with its natural resources like Billy Bunter, happily consuming without reckoning the cost, and waiting for a postal order to turn up. "Not any more," he said.

In a lengthy address to *The Sunday Times* environment conference in London, clearly designed to capture the environmental high ground from the Labour party in advance of the election, Mr Major promised that the government would provide environmental leadership. He coupled the announcement of the new agency with the promise of a complete progress report on the 352 policy commitments contained in last year's environment white paper, from eco-labelling to environmental education, on the anniversary of its publication in September. This would be the first of a regular series of such reports, he said.

He also hinted at a number of initiatives of which the Thatcher government fought shy, including a greater emphasis on energy efficiency, and a tightening of the target for controlling British emissions of the principal gas causing the greenhouse effect, carbon dioxide, which at present is stabilisation at 1990 levels by 2005. This is regarded as inadequate by most British environmentalists: if possible, the prime minister said, it would be improved.

However, Mr Major took a leaf out of Mrs Thatcher's book by devoting a large part of his speech to international environmental problems, and their effect on all countries. Speaking of the destruction of the tropical forests, he said that Brazil's loss or Malaysia's loss was Britain's loss as well, adding: "We are destroying the world's lungs, and burning our knowledge bank."

He made much of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development to be held in Rio de Janeiro next June, the so-called "Earth Summit", committing himself to attend, and hoping that national leaders from every country would do so. He promised that the conference and its aims, particularly a global climate treaty, a strengthening of UN environmental institutions, and the question of aid to the Third World to help them cope with environmental problems, would be high on the agenda of next week's G7 summit.

The prime minister took a swipe at the United States and its refusal so far to set a target of its own for carbon dioxide emissions, pointing out that America alone was responsible for 23 per cent of world carbon dioxide production.

He went on to remind industry of its environmental responsibilities, saying that the government would introduce pollution taxes, and praising the power of the green consumer.

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Bank of England considers BCCI lifeline

By Nicholas Wood
Political Correspondent

BANK of England officials were last night meeting representatives of the ruler of Abu Dhabi about a possible lifeboat operation on behalf of about 120,000 savers and small businessmen who stand to lose up to £750 million from the collapse of the Bank of Credit and Commerce International.

Britain has asked Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan al-Nahyan, BCCI's main shareholder and president of the United Arab Emirates, to cover most losses which threaten the livelihood and savings of many members of the Asian community.

The meeting was also attended by senior monetary officials of the Abu Dhabi government and the UAE Central Bank. News of the meeting was disclosed in the Commons by John Maples, the economic secretary to the Treasury, as he came under strong pressure from both sides of the House to relax the rules governing the scheme that pays compensation to bank depositors. Mr Maples said that Sheikh Zayed had played a constructive role over the past few years and had injected capital into the bank on several occasions. Under the scheme, 75 per cent of deposits are paid out, up to a maximum of £15,000. However, Mr Maples rejected calls for more generous treatment, saying that the level of compensation had been set by the House to protect small investors.

After a tip-off from a BCCI employee at the beginning of the year, the Bank had appointed Price Waterhouse, the accountants, to conduct an investigation. The Serious Fraud Office has now decided to investigate BCCI's affairs.

Mr Maples announced that after a meeting with the Bank of England, Touche Ross, the liquidator, and nine high street banks, arrangements were being made to help small firms hit by the closure to find new bankers quickly. He hoped that similar arrangements could be made for small depositors. Small businesses hit by the collapse would be able to get free advice from Touche Ross for the next six weeks.

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Yugoslavs pull back from brink of war

From Roger Boyes in Ljubljana

YUGOSLAVIA took a step back from bloody civil war yesterday after the federal government accepted a peace agreement mediated by the European Community.

The deal reached by Yugoslavia's eight-man presidency and Slovenian leaders to declare a truce in the conflict over Slovenian independence requires the approval of the federal government, the federal presidency and the Slovenian parliament. The federal government yesterday accepted all parts of the pact reached on the island of Brioni, off Croatia's Adriatic coast, and the Slovenian parliament is expected to vote on the agreement tomorrow, the Tanjug news agency reported.

If the fragile peace holds, even for the agreed three-month cooling-off period, it will be a notable triumph for the previously untested crisis managers of the European Community and the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe. But Western diplomats reported that the Yugoslav federal army high command, al-

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Superpowers try to spike Middle East guns

From Philip Jacobson in Paris

BRIMMING with good intentions, representatives of the five permanent members of the United Nations Security Council — the United States, the Soviet Union, France, Britain and China — yesterday began talks in Paris on ways to control the arms trade that inflicts such misery and destruction upon the world, most recently in the Middle East.

Or, to put it another way, the five most successful merchants of death — the United States, Soviet Union, France, Britain and China — got together in an attempt to find a formula which might enable them to continue dominating this lucrative line of business but feel better about it.

Exports of military hardware by Britain, France, the United States and the Soviet Union put Saddam Hussein at the top of the Middle East firepower league. The first three powers then combined to defeat him with even better weapons, while the fourth looked on approvingly, leaving the Chinese to jump aboard the new control bandwagon rather earlier than they might have wished.

Yesterday's Paris talks came as President Gorbachev, responding to an urgent appeal from President Bush for speedy progress on strategic arms reductions (Start), despatched Alexander Bessmertnykh, the Soviet foreign minister, to Washington. Mr Bessmertnykh, who arrives in the United States tomorrow, hopes to clear the way for a superpower summit later this month.

On the agenda in Paris yesterday were proposals to establish guidelines that would permit more effective monitoring of weapons sales around the globe in an attempt to draw up a code of conduct governing the export of all military hardware. According to Daniel Bernard, spokesman for the French foreign ministry: "This is a preliminary meeting that will be followed by others, with the objective of securing agreement and openness among the five on the political front." He said that the process of limiting arms sales would be "long, complex and necessarily subtle".

But the five themselves supply by far the greatest proportion of the arms in question. None shows any sign of being ready to step back from a market that has boomed since the Gulf war demonstrated the attractions of possessing the latest high technology on the battlefield.

Although the content of the talks at the Kléber conference centre is likely to be kept secret, the Middle East is

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Bessmertnykh: hopes to clear way for summit

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Old people in care homes are strapped to chairs and drugged



Harman: "Something is crying out to be done"

NEW safeguards to protect old people from abuse and neglect in private residential homes were demanded by Labour yesterday after a report detailed cases in which elderly people had been tied to chairs and drugged.

No Place Like Home, co-written by Harriet Harman, Labour's health spokesman, and published by Nalgo, the government officers' union, alleged that, in many private homes, defenceless people were being "abused, neglected, humiliated and degraded".

The report has dealt with cases decided by the Registered Homes Tribunal, the old people's homes watchdog, during the past two years, and the authors claim the cases are evidence of widespread maltreatment.

Defenceless old folk in many private homes are being abused, neglected, humiliated and degraded, Nalgo and Labour allege. Philip Webster reports

Virginia Bottomley, health minister, said yesterday that old people in private residential homes should be protected from abuse by more safeguards. She said, however, that to suggest that an epidemic of abuse was occurring was illogical and irresponsible.

Mrs Bottomley admitted there were problems and failings from time to time. "There are 11,000 registered care homes in England, but last year there were only 18 cases where owners of homes and registration authorities were in dispute," she said.

Cases outlined in the report include:

- a woman aged 90 who was tied to a chair and sedated;
- a home proprietor found by a tribunal to be unfit to have control. He had shown a total disregard for the law, did not appear for trial on some occasions and failed to pay fines. He had also shown a total disregard for and ignorance of the duties associated with running a home;
- residents being asked to live in attic rooms, which had to be reached via steep stairs, and to manage without central heating, lavatories, bathrooms or wash basins;
- a home in north London where women were left in their nightclothes for the whole day, and were unattended for long periods;
- a home in Lancashire where residents had dirty bed clothing, and procedures for obtaining prescribed medicines for patients were unsatisfactory;
- a proprietor in London who administered drugs to a resident for whom the medication had not been prescribed.

The report also highlighted what it called inadequate staffing levels, and made 22 recommendations, which included barring owners who have run a bad home from starting another, laying down national guidelines for staffing levels in homes and increasing the number of council inspectors of homes.

Ms Harman said: "The government rightly reacted promptly to recent revelations about wrongdoing in children's homes, but they are slow to act when there is evidence of neglect and abuse against old people ... If reading the cases in this report makes you fear growing old, then something is crying out to be done." The government was complacent.

Nalgo, whose members are responsible for inspecting and registering homes, called for more resources from the government, a proper staff training programme and better pay. John Findlay, its social services officer, said: "Although our report highlights some very bad cases, our main concern is to ensure the best quality care in all residential homes. We want to ensure that the elderly, and all those in residential homes, are properly cared for."

He told a Westminster press conference: "Even though these are only a minority of cases ... one case of this sort is one too many."

Mrs Bottomley said: "There is no monopoly of virtue in the public or private sector, and things can go just as wrong in one as the other. We are determined to safeguard standards in all sectors." Reforms were under way to ensure regular inspections of registered homes, to help residents complain about abuse and to punish owners who broke the rules, she added.

Concern grows over troop cuts in defence white paper

By MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

THE government's defence white paper to be published today will emphasise that Britain still needs a strong defence to counter-balance instability in the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe.

Senior Conservative MPs and retired military commanders say that Tom King, the defence secretary, is planning to create an army that will be too small to fulfil all its commitments.

Over the next few years, Britain's defence commitments are being reduced by the equivalent of 14 infantry battalions: seven from the British Army of the Rhine and three from Berlin, as part of the military withdrawal from Europe, and four from Hong Kong by 1997 when the colony reverts to Chinese rule.

The political proposal, however, is to cut the number of infantry battalions by 19, which means there will be five fewer battalions to carry out the remaining commitments, MPs have warned.

The executive committee of the army board, which met again yesterday to decide how to apportion the cuts, is also believed to be concerned at the proposed reduction in infantry battalions from 55 to 36. The board members are expected to express their concern to the Defence Council, which includes Mr King, as chairman, and Field Marshal Sir Richard Vincent, the new chief of defence staff.

General Sir John Akehurst, former deputy supreme allied commander Europe, said yesterday that at least six more battalions were required than the proposed 36. Sir John, Colonel of The Royal Anglian Regiment, said ministers should be under no illusions about the strength of feeling in the country against the proposals. "The smallest army in our history, both numerically and as a proportion of our population, is now being planned." The white paper will say that instability in Eastern Europe could produce conflicts that might threaten peace by spilling over into Nato countries. Events outside Europe, such as the proliferation of sophisticated arms, could also pose a threat to Nato territory.

The white paper will underline the importance of maintaining a credible and invulnerable strategic nuclear deterrent, based on four Trident missile submarines due to replace the Polaris vessels in the mid-1990s. It will say that a new tactical air-to-surface nuclear missile for RAF Tornado GR1 aircraft will enter service at the turn of the century.

The defence budget for 1991-92 will rise to £24,027 million, including £1,157 million for Gulf war costs. However, the budget will fall in real terms over the next two years, with plans for £23,350 million in 1992-93 and £23,390 million in 1993-94.

A three-year efficiency programme is expected to show savings over £2,100 million between 1988 and 1991. The government also hopes to raise up to £800 million from the sale of land and buildings over the next five years.

Gulf War costs were about £2.2 billion but other countries are contributing £2,028 million: Kuwait £660 million, Saudi Arabia £580 million, United Arab Emirates £275 million, Germany £275 million, Japan £183 million, Belgium £15 million, Hong Kong £15 million, Denmark £8 million, South Korea £16 million and Luxembourg £1 million.

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PETER TREVOR

Nature's gift: the sculptor Julie Wright presents bronze badgers to Mr Major at the Sunday Times environment show at Olympia yesterday

Regulators at the eye of the storm

Britain's proposed environment agency should heed the hurdles confronting its cousin across the Atlantic, writes Susan Ellicott

FOR the past 21 years, America's Environmental Protection Agency, one of many special federal bureaux, has regulated threats to the environment ranging from air pollution to waste disposal. But its current director, William Reilly, a former head of World Wildlife Fund USA, has faced frequent opposition from the White House on big issues, such as America's response to global warming.

Employees say that the agency is bound to be controversial. It has a $5 billion annual budget and 15,000 staff. The director is appointed by the US president, who requires that the White House office of budget and management approve any policy measures to ensure that over-zealous regulators are unlikely to damage the national economy.

Last year, for example, Allan Bromley, Mr Bush's science adviser, and John Sununu, his chief domestic policy adviser, tempered Mr Reilly's wording for a speech given by President Bush on global warming. The White House wanted Mr Bush to play down pressure from America's powerful environmental lobby to allocate federal money for anti-warming efforts. His speech was amended to call for more scientific studies.

The agency is also fequently under pressure from special-interest groups. If regulators call for tighter laws on car emissions or pesticide use, lobbyists for industry and agricultural organisations urge members of Congress to vote against the agency's proposals. Dave Cohen, an administrative assistant to Mr Reilly, said: "We always find ourselves at the eye of the hurricane, surrounded by forces both economic and environmental."

The agency was founded in December 1970, at the height of the first modern environmental movement. Initially, it was a reorganisation of agencies responsible for monitoring water and air quality. Its powers grew when major legislation gave the agency laws to enforce. In past years, especially since President Bush made the environment a campaign issue in 1988, the agency has grown into a bully pulpit. Under Mr Reilly, the agency has published studies on the effects of passive smoking and has tried to encourage the public to use less energy.

Earlier this year, a coalition of car-makers, steel producers and utility companies fought to prevent the passage in the US Congress of the country's largest update of clean-air laws for more than a decade. The act was eventually passed, but many environmentalists believe that the agency paid a price. Powerful opponents of the Clean Air Act, or politicians from industrial regions, are believed to have blocked congressional consideration of cabinet status for the agency.

Mr Reilly has been waiting for more than a year for Congress to fulfil a pledge by President Bush and lawmakers to elevate his title to secretary of the environment. He attends cabinet meetings and represents America at international conferences on the environment but believes that the agency's clout would be improved by a promotion.

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Tentative welcome for agency

By MICHAEL MCCARTHY
ENVIRONMENT CORRESPONDENT

JOHN Major's announcement yesterday of an integrated environmental protection agency was welcomed widely by industry and by environmental pressure groups – in principle.

Reservations were expressed, however, about the details of the proposed body, in particular its precise powers, independence from government and funding, all of which are, at present, extremely vague and will be the subject of a large-scale consultation exercise.

Generally, "green" pressure groups said they would withhold judgment until they saw the outcome of that. Tim Cordy, chief executive of the Royal Society for Nature Conservation, the umbrella body for the county wildlife trusts and their 200,000 members, said: "We will have to wait and see if the new agency has sufficient muscle, and the independence to flex it, to combat pollution. If it does, then the RSNC will, of course, back it to the hilt."

Establishing the new agency from the National Rivers Authority (NRA), formed in 1989, and Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Pollution, formed in 1987, will require an act of Parliament. The government has undoubtedly brought off a political coup in the announcement, but the practical administrative difficulties it has set itself in unpicking and reassembling a group of new institutions were evident in the distinctly cautious greeting from Lord Crickhowell, chairman of the rivers authority.

He welcomed the move, but added: "I also hope, and will be strongly recommending to government, that this new body should assume all other existing functions and responsibilities of the NRA." Only the water pollution duties of the NRA are so far scheduled for incorporation into the new agency, according to Mr Major's speech, yet these represent but a small proportion of the authority's work.

David Slater, chief executive of the pollution inspectorate, said: "I think it's very good. It's an idea whose time has come, and it makes sense. It's the logical outcome of the white paper. I hope it can be done as quickly as possible."

Chairman survives vote on 'pindown'

The chairman of Staffordshire county council's social services committee yesterday survived a call for his resignation over use of the "pindown" method of controlling children in care that was used in four of its homes.

A motion calling for Mike Poulter to resign was defeated by 40 votes to 23 when Labour members rallied to his support at a meeting of the Labour-controlled council after he said it would have been cowardly to have resigned. He said he had believed officials who had described pindown as a reasonable procedure before realising that he could not trust their judgment.

Pindown, involving the prolonged solitary confinement of children wearing only their nightclothes, was condemned as an abuse of human rights in an independent report by Allan Levy, QC.

HIV fears

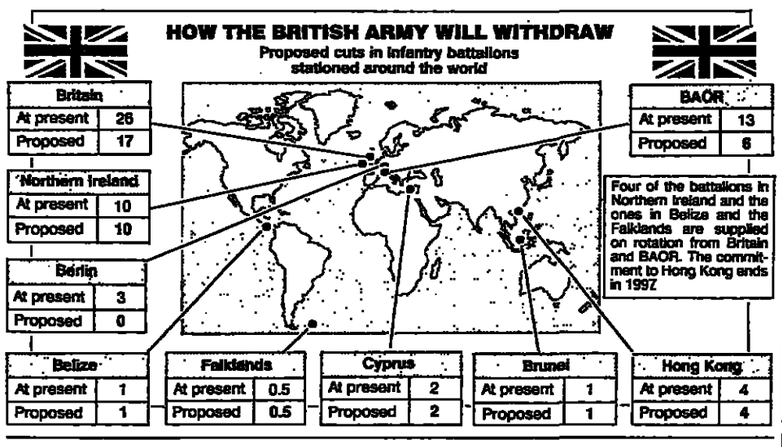
Six out of ten young people worry about catching the Aids virus HIV, but fewer than ten in a hundred think that their personal lifestyles put them at risk, according to a government-funded research project by the Church of England involving more than 320 youngsters and more than 40 youth workers. It found young people whose parents had separated had more liberal sexual attitudes.

IRA plot foiled

Irish police yesterday foiled an IRA cross-border bombing mission after they surprised a gang of masked gunmen who had held a family of nine hostage at gunpoint at their home at Lifford, Co Donegal, near the border. Three of the gang were arrested as they fled in the family's car and a van. Irish Army experts later sealed off the area and examined a lorry containing explosives.

£60,500 harness

A gilt bronze harness mount found in in Hertfordshire in the 1950s doubled its high estimate to sell for £60,500 at Sotheby's in London yesterday. Shaped like a playing card with bearded heads at each end, it was made in Ireland in the eighth or ninth century and was found a few yards from the Roman road of Watling Street. The mount is thought to have dropped from a horse or chariot.



Asian clients bitter at their treatment

Alice Thomson reports on anger surrounding the collapse of BCCI

HARNAM Sohal lost £80,000 in one afternoon when the Bank of Credit and Commerce International collapsed. A partner in a car trade company, in Greenford, west London, he had put everything he had into the bank. Mr Sohal counts himself lucky; many of his friends have lost far more but like many others he is very bitter about the way he feels the Asian community has been treated.

"They would never have done this to any other bank. The Asians ought to get together and fight for their money back," he says. "Many of us had no other facilities at any other bank. We used BCCI because they treated Asians well. I was the perfect customer but other banks don't want to know me now, and I can't even pay my staff."

Mr Shabal from Pinner, northwest London, was a member of staff at BCCI for seven years; now he has lost £1,000 and his job. "The liquidators treated us very badly. We had no idea that they were coming. We just got a message to lock all our doors. I thought it was a tip-off for a burglary but the receivers came in and just ordered us out. You can't help thinking it has something to do with our colour."

Sunrise, the independent Asian radio station, which broadcasts to 700,000 Asians in Britain took hundreds of calls from desperate listeners over the weekend. Today it is setting up a helpline in various languages. The chief executive Abtar Lit said: "Thirty per cent of Asian business banks with BCCI. We've been inundated by calls from as far as India and Pakistan. A lot of our big businesses are also involved. I fear it will set the Asian community back by ten years."

Mr Lit said that the community felt strongly that the banking world had never wanted BCCI to succeed because it was Asian. "They feel they have worked hard in Britain and they have been victimised. They ask which bank can put its hand on its heart and say it hasn't laundered any drugs money."

However Mr Lit said that one of the problem preventing the Asians from complaining too forcibly is that many have been avoiding VAT and the Inland Revenue through offshore accounts and will not want their accounts looked into too carefully.

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Investors face wait of months

By LINDSAY COOK
MONEY EDITOR

INVESTORS and businesses with money frozen in the Bank of Credit and Commerce International (BCCI) may have a long wait before they get any of their money back from the Deposit Protection Board.

The scheme, set up under the 1979 Banking Act, will pay out up to £15,000 per claim, which works out at 75 per cent of the first £20,000 invested. Where joint accounts or partnerships are concerned the scheme will pay up to £15,000 each.

Compensation is limited to accounts held in sterling and with the 25 branches of the bank in Britain. This means that a large number of British expatriates in Spain, who had accounts with BCCI in Gibraltar, will be excluded.

Claims cannot be made until BCCI is wound up, which will take at least a month. The delay in compensation being paid after that will largely depend on details of the BCCI records. Some customers of the British & Commonwealth Merchant Bank (B & CMB), which collapsed last June, had to wait more than six months for payment. Last year the scheme paid out £7.97 million.

- A rapid reference system has been set up by the Bank of England to help BCCI customers who need to borrow from other banks to keep their businesses running. The liquidators will tell banks of the status of their BCCI accounts.

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Baring to take National Gallery post

By JOHN YOUNG

NICHOLAS Baring, chairman of the Commercial Union insurance company, is to succeed Lord Rothschild as chairman of the National Gallery trustees next year, it was announced yesterday.

Mr Baring, aged 57, was educated at Eton and Magdalene College, Cambridge. He has been a trustee of the National Gallery since 1989 and is also a member of the executive committee of the National Trust and of the Council of Management of the Architectural Heritage Fund. Lord Rothschild remained as chairman of the trustees in order to oversee the completion of the new Sainsbury Wing, which will be officially opened by the Queen today. Yesterday, both he and Neil MacGregor, the museum's director, echoed the comment made by Simon Sainsbury that the government, not private individuals, should be responsible for important public buildings.



Original hat, left, and its successor from the "Holbein"

Mr MacGregor said that most of the great Renaissance collection, now housed in the new wing, had been acquired for the nation with funds specifically voted by Parliament for the purpose. The trustees were now lobbying for their purchase grant, frozen for seven years, to be increased and also for it to be made easier for people to give pictures in return for tax concessions.

Mr MacGregor also disclosed that a portrait of Alexander Mornauer, the town clerk of Landshut in Bavaria, dating from about 1480, had previously been disguised by the addition of an intense blue background. It had been assumed to be a portrait of Martin Luther by Hans Holbein.

However, radiography and pigment analysis showed that the paint used for the background was prussian blue, something not known to artists until the 18th or 19th century. Removing the paint uncovered the original brown background, as well as disclosing that the hat, which for 200 years had resembled a skullcap, was originaly much taller.

Experts believe that the alterations might have been to give the impression that it was by Holbein to make it more attractive to collectors. It was acquired by the first Marquess of Buckingham for his collection at Stowe in the 1790s.

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Advice on Brixton security overruled by prison chiefs

By QUENTIN COWDRY, HOME AFFAIRS CORRESPONDENT

THE escape of two IRA suspects on Sunday might well have been averted had the Home Office decided to respond to a secret recommendation from the chief inspector of prisons that the perimeter wall at Brixton jail be fitted with an overhanging "anti-climb" device.

It is understood that prison administrators overruled the recommendation, made by Judge Tumim last December, arguing that it was not worth making the wall more secure because all Brixton's highest security inmates were to be moved to a new London prison 11 months later. "The feeling was that we should muddle by for a few months," one senior Home Office source said.

Ministerial embarrassment over the escape, now regarded as the worst security lapse at a jail on mainland Britain since the escape of the Soviet spy George Blake from Wormwood Scrubs in October 1966, was heightened by the disclosure that the escape would probably have been thwarted had the prison's outer wall been fitted with a "gander" — a section protruding inwards from the top of the wall to prevent inmates climbing up.

Ganders have been fitted progressively since the early 1970s to existing high security jails and remand centres such as Brixton, which hold large numbers of category A inmates. New high-security prisons have them as standard.

Judge Tumim was surprised to discover, during his formal investigation of Brixton in March last year, that the jail's outer wall did not have a gander, or beak as they are more commonly known. He recommended in a confidential annexe to his report that one should be fitted immediately as part of a general upgrading of the jail's physical security.

The report, published last December, said that the south London jail held about the same number of category A inmates as an average top-security jail yet was much less secure.

Brendan O'Friel, chairman of the Prison Governors' Association, said ganders had also not been fitted to jails at Manchester, Leeds and Leicester, which also held category A inmates on remand. "At the moment, we have a mix of security standards in the system," Mr O'Friel said. "Some of the older jails represent a much greater risk than others".

There are three special jail units in England and Wales for the most dangerous category A inmates. They are at Leicester, Full Sutton, Humberside, and Parkhurst on the Isle of Wight.

Liberal elements within the prison service fear that the furore over the breakout may dilute moves, started in the wake of last year's jail riots, to create better conditions for prisoners. "We're all afraid that the pendulum will now swing firmly towards up-grading security," one reformist governor said.

The breakout may also renew debate on setting up special jails on the mainland for suspected and convicted terrorists, such as the Maze near Belfast. Lord Mountbatten recommended this after his enquiry into the Blake escape, but this was rejected by ministers on the ground that it would give the IRA a propaganda platform on the mainland and could lead to even more escapes.

Penal reformers joined the Prison Officers' Association in claiming that cuts in operational spending on prisons had jeopardised security. The association said that routine searches at Brixton had ended and that too few staff were on duty at weekends.

Stephen Shaw, director of the Prison Reform Trust, said: "We don't think it is coincidental that the riot at Strangeways occurred at a weekend, as did this escape. In prisons such as Brixton, only half of the staff are on duty at best at weekends. At worst, it can sometimes be as little as a quarter."



Judge Tumim: secret recommendations ignored

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Family grief: Janet Brown, holding her daughter Emma, wipes away a tear as a memorial is unveiled to her murdered husband, Police Constable Laurence Brown, in Hackney, east London, yesterday.

Emma, aged one and a half, laid flowers on the memorial feet from where her father fell on August 28 last year. Constable Brown was gunned down by Mark Gaynor when he and a colleague responded to a hoax emergency call about a car break-in in Hackney. Gaynor was jailed for life but committed suicide.

Sir Peter Imbert, Metropolitan Police commissioner, told more than 250 people at the unveiling that Constable Brown was dedicated to community service. The film director Michael Winner, trustee of the Police Memorial Trust, praised policeman for their bravery in the face of danger.

Job chances for graduates fall by 20 per cent

By JOHN O'LEARY, HIGHER EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

A THIRD of employers question the government's policy of expanding higher education because they believe there are already too many graduates, a survey of 300 leading firms has shown.

The Association of Graduate Recruiters' (AGR) annual survey of vacancies, published yesterday, shows a 20 per cent decline in job opportunities. The non-industrial sector shows the sharpest drop.

Almost two-thirds of companies had cut their requirements between November and May. The industrial sector, which reduced its graduate intake by a fifth last year, was able to meet its targets but other firms cut vacancies by about a third.

The survey, the largest of its kind, shows graduate pay suffering as a result. Although starting salaries rose by 7.6 per cent since 1990, it was the first time since 1975 that no upward drift had occurred during the year. Starting salaries in 1991 are expected to average £12,600, with legal services offering the most at an average £16,750. Public service organisations increased their forecast starting salaries by the most but are still below the overall average.

A year ago, 42 per cent of organisations in the AGR were experiencing major difficulties in recruiting graduates, and in 1989 the figure was 64 per cent. In the latest survey, not one company was having major difficulties in all areas.

A commentary to the survey said it presented "a very stark picture indeed. Vacancies are expected to fall dramatically this summer, with opportunities for this year's output of graduates likely to be over a fifth lower than those available to last year's graduates."

Helen Perkins, the head of management development at Price Waterhouse Europe, in her chairman's address to the AGR's annual conference at Warwick university, said that the recession was not solely responsible for the downturn. "Graduate recruitment is something of a fashion and, as with all fashion trends, a sheep-like mentality inevitably creeps in." One senior director had said that he had had no intention of cutting graduate recruitment until he had read that IBM and ICI were doing so.

Ms Perkins said that firms would be demanding higher quality but lower quantity in their graduate intake this year. A number of large companies were considering the introduction of "fast track" entry schemes, differentiating between their new graduates in terms of salary and training.

Electrical gremlins run loose

By NICK NUTTALL, TECHNOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

BRITAIN'S homes, offices and factories are in a fog of invisible electromagnetic radiation putting at risk everything from computers and surveillance equipment to alarm systems and heart pacemakers.

Up to 80 per cent of electrical goods sold in Britain emit unacceptable levels of electromagnetic radiation which can interfere dangerously with other equipment, experts at AEA Technology, Harwell, Oxfordshire, said yesterday.

Problems range from electronic petrol pumps giving wrong prices when Citizens Band radios are used near by to stray emissions from train station cables rupturing fuses in trackside circuits.

When Ronald Reagan was US president car garage doors in California were known to open and shut at will as he flew home in Air Force 1, the presidential plane crammed with the latest in electrical high technology.

Workers at a factory in Japan were killed and injured when stray electromagnetic radiation sent robots swinging out of control.

David Whitworth, an electromagnetic expert at AEA, said he feared the problem would increase as levels rose of electrical goods, including cellular phones, pagers and radios.

Mr Whitworth, speaking on the eve of a British Standards Institute conference on the issue, urged British manufacturers to improve the shielding on their electrical equipment in line with makers in Germany and the US.

How corrupt band of warders destroys hope for jail system

A venal cadre of warders is poisoning the jail service, says Brian Stevens, a former inmate

The fires of rhetoric are already beginning to create a smokescreen behind which the real culprits for Sunday's IRA breakout from Brixton prison can hide. The real issue is, of course, the standard of security within the prison and those responsible for maintaining it. I believe that much of the blame must rest with a hard core of prison warders who are determined to stand against change.

This sinister cadre, who belong to the Prison Officers' Association, is highly skilled in deliberately allowing minor incidents to develop into explosive situations that they can exploit for their own political ends.

At the end of the day, the blame for Sunday's serious breach of security must lie firmly and squarely at the doors of warders who fail to do their job.

There is no doubt that in every jail in the country, contraband, ranging from hard drugs to alcohol or a loaded pistol is freely available. In some prisons, some of this contraband is smuggled in by corrupt warders.

Prosecutions of corrupt warders, although catalogued, are uncommon because most resign once they realise that they have either drawn suspicion upon themselves or have made enough money — and be assured that the pickings are rich — to retire comfortably. There is nothing that sufficient money cannot buy in British prisons today.

The warders themselves are changing. The recruiters have dispensed with the previous 25 years minimum age and the very nature of the job has lost much of the appeal it used to have for the ex-servicemen it traditionally attracted.

This has a serious impact on the prison service. The ex-servicemen had a maturity and depth of experience of working with groups of adult men in difficult circumstances, qualities that could often defuse potentially dangerous situations.

The recruiters now accept young men of 21, who more often than not in the current economic climate, are men with no qualifications, no skills, and often no job experience.

Such a young man is easily trained, but this flexibility is a two-edged sword; for such recruits may follow the examples of the small, but militant cadre that is trying to return our penal system to the Victorian era.

The converse side of this sword could mean that these young men might become the vanguard for true penal reform, an ideal which is unattainable without the wholehearted co-operation and support of the rank-and-file warder.

However, the sinister cadre is skilled in allowing the development of explosive situations that it can exploit for its own ends. Do not be misled by their professional PR.

The blame for this most serious breach of security must lie with warders who fail to do their job.

It is nonsense for them to lay the blame for the lack of security on the Home Office. The Home Office sets policy. Policy is decided in committee. The POA plays a very visible role in committee.

There are decent, hard working caring warders, but just as the Labour party is bleeding from the wounds of Militant, so do the honest warders in the prison service suffer from the damning criticisms invited by the behaviour of the militant cadre within the POA.

No other trade union enjoys such a stranglehold on both its employers and those in its charge.

Brian Stevens spent four months in Brixton as part of a two-year sentence for trading as a bankrupt. He was released last month after serving 16 months.

Councils may get help over tax debts

By KERRY GILL

SCOTTISH council leaders were told last night that the government may consider giving them increased powers to recover unpaid poll tax, which now stands at more than £400 million and is threatening jobs and services.

Allan Stewart, the Scottish local government minister, said councils should use existing powers to the full, but indicated that powers may be included in the new council tax legislation that could help recovery. He was speaking after meeting representatives of the Convention of Scottish Local Authorities (Cosla) whose member councils have issued more than two million summary warrants in an effort to recoup bad debts.

Payment of this year's tax has slowed to a trickle in some areas; overall, only 5 per cent of the poll tax has been collected. Jean McFadden, Cosla's president, said that in Glasgow alone the non-payment level could lead to a 40 per cent rise in next year's bills. In Lothian, the debt of £80 million was similar to the region's entire social work budget and one-third of its education budget.

In spite of the huge number of summary warrants issued against debtors, the threat seems to have had little effect. One reason is that sheriff officers, instructed to recover the money, have been swamped by the workload. Procedures to recover the debts could take years and there is no ultimate threat of imprisonment.

Disaster victims say media made their traumas worse

By MELINDA WITTSTOCK, MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

SURVIVORS of major disasters such as Hillsborough or Zeebrugge, rape victims and relatives of murder victims believe their traumas have been made much worse by the media, according to a study published yesterday by the Broadcasting Standards Council.

Many of the 54 survivors and victims interviewed in the study complained that coverage of disasters, accidents and violent crimes — although necessary — had been inaccurate, intrusive, badly timed and in bad taste. Most recommended a complete ban on live television reporting of disasters or motorway pile-ups.

Many went so far as to recommend that the media should be prevented from covering a disaster until relatives were informed, while a minority argued that coverage should proceed only after relatives had given their permission. The survivors, with 1,050 members of the public interviewed in a separate BSC survey, also condemned the use of recognisable pictures of the dead or seriously injured.

Lord Rees-Mogg, the council's chairman, said the statutory watchdog had no intention of forcing broadcasters to implement such stringent guidelines. "We're trying to take a stage further the discussion so those making editorial decisions are equipped to avoid causing avoidable distress," he said.

Police and ambulance staff interviewed in an earlier BSC study said that television cameras should be allowed to show close-ups of mangled bodies and suffering survivors as a deterrent to behaviour, such as drunk driving. "But the predominant view of the public is that death deserves some reticence," Lord Rees-Mogg said.

However, Ann Shearer, the author of the report and co-founder of the Campaign for Mentally Handicapped People, said victims accepted that distress was justified only if coverage helped catch offenders or served as a warning. She said the tabloid press was the most guilty of offence.

One victim told her: "I'll never ever trust a reporter again. He printed things I was supposed to have told him and I hadn't. I never once had an interview. I'll never forgive him."

Bruised leg led to death of rail crash victim

A SHOP assistant who thought she was lucky to have escaped serious injury after being involved in London's Cannon Street rail crash died three days later, an inquest was told yesterday.

A resumed inquest at the city coroner's court into the deaths of Martin Strivens, aged 24, of Petts Wood, Kent, and Patricia McCay, 59, of Forest Hill, south London, heard that she had gone to work after the accident, in which she had suffered bruising to her leg.

Joan Alexander, who managed the shop where Miss McCay worked, said she had apologised for being late. "I am a lucky one because there were so many people with cuts and bruises," Miss McCay had said.

Her condition deteriorated and three days after the crash she collapsed. Professor David Bowen, a pathologist, said the cause of death was bronchial pneumonia and pulmonary embolism.

Mr Strivens, a computer programmer, died of traumatic asphyxia. The inquest continues today.

French TV's IRA skit prompts Irish protest

By EDWARD GORMAN, IRISH AFFAIRS CORRESPONDENT

THE Irish ambassador in Paris has complained to French broadcasting authorities about a satirical television sketch featuring IRA violence. In a letter delivered yesterday to the the Higher Broadcasting Council, Tadhg O'Sullivan condemned the broadcast as deeply offensive and in the worst taste.

The sketch was shown on Canal Plus last month as part of a popular satirical programme called *Les Nuls*, or "The No-Goods". The programme has made a success out of satirising television commercials and turned its attention to this year's advertisement by the Irish Tourist Board.

In the original, the viewer is wooed by scenes of Irish countryside and traditional music and pubs. It ends with the slogan: "You'll come to Ireland for Ireland, and you'll come back for the Irish."

In the sketch, *Les Nuls* use the same opening, but the sequence is interrupted by shots of cottages being blown up and a coffin being carried onto an aircraft. Their caption read: "You'll come to Ireland, and your return trip will be free, paid for by the IRA."

In his letter to Jacques Boutet, president of the broadcasting council, Mr O'Sullivan said: "I am sure you will appreciate that it is not acceptable that a mockery should be made of the tragic record of violence in Northern Ireland which has resulted in so much loss of life. To do so is deeply offensive and in the worst possible taste."

The ambassador added that the sketch wrongly implied that the Irish Republic was unsafe for French tourists. Alain Berbecian, director of the show, said that most French people realised that the sketch was not meant seriously.

Ratner emerges from the mire smelling of roses

By JOE JOSEPH



Ratner yesterday — on best behaviour for shareholders

WERE he a man for the grand gesture, Gerald Ratner would have offered his shareholders Marks & Spencer's prawn sandwiches at yesterday's annual meeting.

Better still, the boss of the Ratners jewellery chain could have asked the Savoy hotel's waiters to stroll among the company's loyal investors with trays offering a choice of M&S prawn sandwiches or Ratners' bargain 99p gold earrings. The state of the half-empty trays at the end of the day might have been a better barometer of shareholders' confidence than any show of hands.

Gerald ducked the challenge. He offered them canapés and white wine. And he began the lunchtime business meeting at the Savoy with an apology "to all our shareholders for the remark I made. My comment was made in a light-hearted manner about a particular product, a sherry decanter set. My mistake was in not realising that a tongue-in-cheek joke would be so widely misquoted."

Mr Ratner's joke in April was to call the decanter set "total crap", to describe an imitation open book with "curled up corners and antique dust" as "in the worst possible taste" and to admit that a pair of Ratners' 99p gold earrings were cheaper than an M&S prawn sandwich "but probably won't last as long". The next day, an inventive Ratners salesman struggled to persuade angry customers that CRAP was in fact an acronym that stood for *Cheap Reliable Affordable Products*. Others might have suggested *Christ, Ratner's* A *Plonker*.

Yesterday, the chastened Mr Ratner was on his best behaviour. You would have thought that Ratners shareholders might hold their annual meeting in a garishly lit hall with big posters that screamed "Annual General Meeting, Once-A-Year-Only Offer, Vote Now While Resolutions Last". But no. It was all very posh.

A relieved Mr Ratner admitted he had been worrying about yesterday's meeting. "I was expecting a certain amount of hostility." Then again, he is not weeping too loudly. "We sold 750,000 of those 99p earrings in the month after I made that comment. Sales more than doubled. The antique books are still going well. So is the sherry decanter."

Best of all, many customers who turned their backs on Ratners stores have taken their business to shops like H Samuel, Ernest Jones and Zales. But Ratners owns them too. And since they are swankier than the Ratners stores and charge higher prices, shareholders of Ratners Group plc might benefit from the CRAP fiasco after all. *Commend Ratner for* A *Peerage.*

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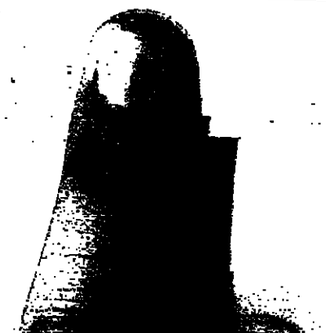
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Leaked paper discloses deep trouble faced by Tecs

By PHILIP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

TRAINING and Enterprise Councils have deep-seated and worsening problems and a relationship with the government that is on the verge of breaking down, according to an employment department document disclosed by the Labour party yesterday.

Ministers are insisting publicly that the 82 Tecs, the business-led bodies that run training in the UK, are going well. Michael Howard, the employment secretary, painted a glowing picture of their future in a speech last week to a Tec conference.

The leaked document acquired by the Labour party, however, says that Tecs are struggling and suggests moving to a new relationship with the employment department because present relations are no longer sustainable.

Sir Geoffrey Holland, permanent secretary with the management consultants Coopers and Lybrand Deloitte, prepared the confidential document, which is dated last Tuesday. It is the outcome of a detailed review of the department's relationships with Tecs. While acknowledging that Tecs are "an exciting and innovative development", the review says that their relationship with the employment department is "running into difficulties".

The document amounts to a wide-ranging dimissal of the key relationship governing the Tecs after less than a year of their being started by the government. Apart from being embarrassed over the content, ministers will be disturbed by the leaking of such a high-level official paper so soon after it was drafted. The employment department insisted, however, that the document was not confidential, saying that its contents had been made known both to staff within the department and at last week's Tec conference.

Sir Geoffrey says in the review: "Tensions have developed on both sides, exacerbated by the economic recession and funding constraints." He accepts that teething troubles between the government and Tecs were inevitable, but says: "The problems are more deep-seated than this, and are increasing rather than diminishing." He adds that "unless there is a change in approach the present relationship is not sustainable".

The paper, which ministers are now studying, rejects the option of integrating Tecs more into the department, or that of giving Tecs full autonomy. Instead it suggests a compromise approach of a new "strategic alliance" between ministers and Tecs.

Tony Blair, Labour's employment spokesman, said that the paper was "an extraordinary and shocking document" that exposed wilful neglect of Britain's training needs at the heart of government policy.

Labour suffered its own embarrassment yesterday when the TGWU transport workers' union voted to boycott the government's youth training programme for unemployed young people. The decision, taken at the TGWU conference in Blackpool, is the first formal withdrawal of support from the scheme by a trade union and will be exploited by government ministers.

Willis is cheered by talks

By OUR INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

TRADE union leaders emerged encouraged but cautious from 10 Downing Street yesterday after their first discussion with a British prime minister on economic issues since the early 1980s.

Norman Willis, general secretary of the TUC, said John Major clearly shared unions' concerns on several issues, including rising unemployment. But there were also considerable differences, he said. While renewing the unions' call for a new "social partnership" with the government, Mr Willis played down a possible return to regular "beer and sandwiches" sessions at number 10.

Indeed, yesterday's meeting might not have occurred but for the need to uphold international etiquette. The visit to number 10 by a delegation of trade union leaders from the seven leading industrial nations was part of the ritual prelude to this month's G7 meeting in London.

Yet it leaves a British Conservative prime minister in the curious role of messenger carrying the views of trade unionists to his fellow premiers. It was, said Mr Willis, a role Mr Major had undertaken to carry out.

Mr Major had been courteous but firm on areas of disagreement. However, the atmosphere was a great deal better than during rare meetings with Margaret Thatcher. "It could hardly have been worse," Mr Willis said.

The trade union advisory committee to the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development said that unemployment in member states could rise by four million from the present total of 24 million.

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TONY WHITE

High polish: the stage being set at Pinewood studios for Anton Kunikeev and Natalia Bashkatova to film the ICI cinema commercial

Russian dance company steps into high fashion

By LIZ SMITH, FASHION EDITOR

THE worlds of dance and fashion enjoy a long tradition of keeping in step, from Bakst's exotic designs for Nijinsky at the start of this century to the high-performance stretch fabrics that have moved from stage to street today. ICI Fibres has signed a sponsorship contract with the Bolshoi Ballet Grigorovich Company to relaunch ICI's Tactel, a Polyamide yarn normally used in sportswear, into the arena of high fashion.

This month the 60-member troupe, formed by Yuri Grigorovich from the Bolshoi Academy and other leading Russian dance schools, starts a tour of Australia, Hong Kong and America before reaching Europe next year. Each production requires more than 25,000 metres of cloth, which will be supplied by ICI, as well as hosiery in Tactel for the costumes. A publicity campaign will link the strength and fluidity of the Tactel to the movements of dance.

Mr Grigorovich, with two of his foremost dancers, Anton Kunikeev and Natalia Bashkatova, are in London to film Tactel's 40-second cinema commercial. The costumes have been created by Nicole Farhi, winner of a Design Council award for her French Connection mass market wear. Her designs range from a trench coat in a silky peach-bloom microfibre and stretchy Lycra and Tactel T-shirts to a bias-cut floaty one-shouldered ballet dress.

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Research projects show fall

By TIM JONES

RESEARCH and development staff had across-the-board pay increases of 9 per cent in the past 12 months. More than a quarter received bonus payments averaging 5.2 per cent of basic pay, according to a survey by the Reward group.

Next year they are expected to receive a 7.2 per cent rise, compared with national forecasts of 6.2 per cent. The survey shows that almost one in three of organisations is less optimistic about overall prospects than a year ago. There has been a fall in new projects and very few people reported a rise in enquiries over the past four months.

However, Reward says, 64 per cent of industrial companies are expecting an increase in new projects in the short term and in the next year, with research associations anticipating a *status quo* rather than further decline.

Workspace scheme wins top award

By CHARLES KNEVITT

AN AFRO-Caribbean community group has won the top prize in the sixth annual Community Enterprise Scheme. The scheme, sponsored by *The Times*, the Royal Institute of British Architects and Business in the Community, is for the £1.7 million development of 111 managed workspace units at Ardwick, Manchester, it will be announced today.

The project, called Cariocca Enterprises, was designed to tackle high levels of local unemployment and provide training, business counselling and support services, and was backed by the environment department through Manchester city council and Manchester Council for Community Relations. The business consultant was Bradford Micro Firms and the architect Michael Hyde and Associates.

Writing in today's Focus report in *The Times* on the winners, the Prince of Wales, patron of the scheme, says that the project "is an example of the ability of the Afro-Caribbean communities to bring to life their dreams for the future". Louise Da-Cocodia, chair of the Cariocca board, will receive the Charles Douglas-Home Award for the most outstanding entry from Jessica Douglas-Home, his widow, and the prince.

The prince, who will be presenting 11 category awards, 18 commendations and 25 honourable mentions at today's awards ceremony in London, says that, with more than 1,300 entries submitted over six years, he never ceases to be amazed by the "dogged determination and ability to deliver" of community entrepreneurs. "The projects demonstrate a remarkable range of achievement, vitality and innovation," he says.

A chairman's award, instituted by Lord Scarman, chairman of the scheme, goes to the North Kensington Amenity Trust for the sustained development of land under the Westway, in west London, over 20 years. It provides "inspiration and hope" to other groups, the prince says. He also emphasizes the need for community projects to be adequately resourced.

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Abortion pill use may give boost to care services

By THOMSON PRENTICE, MEDICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE advent of the abortion pill in Britain should be followed by a shake-up of abortion services, according to a group of eminent women.

The French-made RU486 pill, approved last week by the health department, will be limited to patients whose pregnancy has not gone beyond nine weeks. Its introduction is welcomed in a letter to *The Times* today from Dame Josephine Barnes, a pioneer of family planning services, Baroness Blackstone, Baroness Warnock, and the MPs Harriet Harman and Emma Nicholson, among others.

They say that the pill's availability gives the health service an opportunity to improve care and treatment, and they call for a review of referral procedures. The letter is supported by writers, broadcasters and actresses, including Margaret Drabble, Claire Rayner, Glenda Jackson and Susan Hampshire.

Yesterday, the Birth Control Trust added its weight, claiming that thousands of women would benefit if services were improved. The trust, a charity that commissions research on contraception and abortion, said that only about a fifth of terminations carried out by the health service in England and Wales were performed during the first nine weeks of pregnancy.

David Paintin, chairman of the trust, said: "Thousands of women who want a termination suffer anxiety and distress because of the delays. Weeks go past while they wait for the results of a pregnancy test organised by their GPs, and for appointments with a hospital gynaecologist who decides whether they are suitable candidates for an abortion."

Most women opt for an abortion in a private clinic, with only 43 per cent of terminations in England and Wales carried out by health service staff. However, under a scheme in Newcastle upon Tyne, GPs could arrange appointments with local gynaecologists through a central bureau within a few days, Mr Paintin said. More than 90 per cent of abortions were health service cases as a result. "Such an efficient service could be organised and provided on a much wider basis," he said.



Barnes: opportunity to improve abortion service

The anti-abortion group Life has attacked the introduction of RU486. Nuala Scarisbrick, the group's national organiser, said: "There will be more pressure on women to have abortions."

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Bike crash man wins £600,000 damages

A motor cycle crash victim won £600,000 damages in the High Court yesterday for brain damage injuries received in an accident while a pillion passenger.

Mr Justice Otton approved the agreed award to Craig Guest, aged 38, of Peterborough, Cambridgeshire, which will be paid by the estate of Adam Burbage, the motor cycle rider, who died in the crash. Mr Guest is now severely disabled and confined to a wheelchair.

Liability had been denied and Mr Guest's award was reduced by 25 per cent because of contributory negligence. It was alleged that he knew or should have known that Mr Burbage was breaking a 30mph speed limit.

Paediatrician struck off

A children's doctor who helped to raise thousands of pounds for charity was struck off yesterday for indecent assaults on three teenage girl patients.

A General Medical Council hearing in Marylebone, central London, was told that Michael Salmon, aged 56, a consultant paediatrician at the Royal Buckinghamshire hospital, Aylesbury, was jailed for three years in 1990 for the offences, which he committed between 1982 and 1985.

Hostage charge

A man aged 40 appeared before Newport magistrates, Gwent, accused of the attempted murder of Donald Stewart, who was held for 30 hours in an armed siege last week. He is also charged with abducting Mr Stewart and possessing a sawn-off shotgun and ammunition with intent to endanger life.

MP barred

Sir Trevor Skeet, Tory MP for Bedfordshire North, has been suspended from his local Conservative club for six months after a disagreement over the use of an £80,000 bequest to the club.

Burns award

Ben Smith, aged six, of Romford, Essex, was awarded £25,000 damages by the High Court for throat burns received after drinking caustic soda left in a beer mug at a local football club.

Heavy rock

Chris van der Vyver, a fossil hunter, has paid £20,000 for a rock formation weighing two-thirds of a ton to be shipped from Brazil to his design centre near Bridport, Dorset.

£2,000 damage

Vandals caused £2,000 damage at Wells cathedral, Somerset, after scaling scaffolding and throwing sections of sculpture to the ground.

Rolls-Royce gift

A Rolls-Royce worth £50,000 will be given free to the purchaser of a new £285,000 house at Great Brickhill, Buckinghamshire.

Mirror danger

Trading standards officers have warned that wiring on a £100 electric mirror designed to light up when plugged in could kill.

Cornish talk

A consortium bidding for the commercial radio licence for Cornwall plans a daily 30-minute broadcast in ancient Cornish.

Guard dog theft

An alsatian guard dog was stolen from a timber yard in Ilkeston, Derbyshire, after being lifted over an 8ft wall.

Scargill launches attack on Kinnock

By ROSS TIEMAN, INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT



Scargill: basic principles abandoned by leadership

ARTHUR Scargill, president of the National Union of Mineworkers, launched a fierce personal attack on Neil Kinnock, the Labour leader, at the opening of the miners' annual conference in Blackpool yesterday.

In a parody of Mr Kinnock's earlier verbal battles with the former militant-led Liverpool council, Mr Scargill condemned "the grotesque spectacle of a Labour leader supporting privatisation" in the city. The Labour leadership, he said, had abandon basic principles, "arguing that they have to do so to win the next election". Anyone within the Labour movement who stuck to their principles or took action to protect jobs and industries were branded "loony lefts".

The NUM president accused the government and British Coal of butchering the coal industry through economic and political "lunacy" and said that the number of pits was likely to be halved by the year 2000. Mr Scargill called for a future Labour government to renationalise all the industries 'plundered and privatised" over the past 12 years, for the nationalisation of banks and insurance companies, the repeal of trade union legislation and the entire British Coal board to be sacked.

He claimed the controversy over accounting for union funds during the year-long miners' strike was a political attack, adding: "We have not seen the last of this extraordinary attempt to discredit the national officials."

Safe salt intake exceeded in the best of foods

By ROBIN YOUNG

A SINGLE beanburger as served by the Burger King fast-food chain contains more than the maximum daily intake of salt recommended by the World Health Organisation, according to a report published today in *The Food Magazine*.

After claims by researchers at St Bartholomew's hospital, London, that the saltiness of the British diet was costing 75,000 lives a year, the magazine carried out analyses to identify the sources of the salt. It looked not only at foods that would be expected to be salty, such as bacon, crisps, Marmite and soya sauce, but convenience foods and foods recommended by health educators, such as wholemeal bread, breakfast cereals and low-fat cheeses.

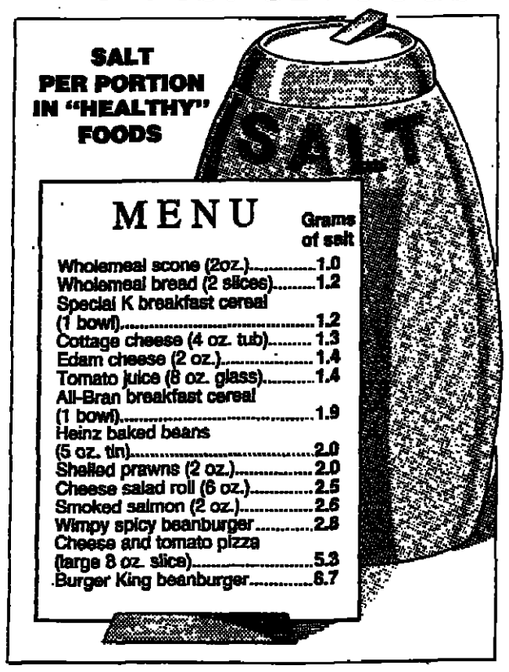
The WHO says that a daily intake of salt above six grams is linked to an increase in the incidence of high blood pressure. Populations with an average daily intake below three grams showed no increase of blood pressure with age.

The magazine concludes: "Even if you take great care to avoid adding any salt of your own, it is all too easy to exceed the six grams per day maximum recommended by the WHO." The researchers found, for example, that one round of ham and cheese sandwich from Marks & Spencer contained 3.7 grams of salt, well over half the WHO's recommended daily maximum. Two pork sausages contained 3.4 grams and a portion of Marks & Spencer potato and bacon *au gratin* carried 4.5 grams.

Even foods usually thought to be healthy options proved unexpectedly salty. Two thick slices of wholemeal bread provided 1.2 grams, a glass of tomato juice 1.4, and two ounces of smoked salmon 2.6. A bowl of All-Bran breakfast cereal represented almost a third of the maximum daily intake.

Monitoring the amount of salt consumed can be complicated by the small print on food labels. Some products give no information about salt content. Some companies, such as Sainsbury's, declare only the amount of added salt. Heinz and Marks & Spencer declare total sodium content in grams, but that has to be multipled by 2.5 for comparison with the WHO recommendation expressed in grams of salt.

The Food Magazine wants a uniform labelling system showing total sodium as grams of salt, and notes that cooking instructions often recommend adding salt. Consumers are advised by the magazine to cut the salt used in cooking and to use Parmesan cheese, vinegar or lemon juice to enhance flavours instead.



Health scares fail to affect what people decide to eat

THE British are complacent about what they eat, despite concern that the average diet is contributing to the incidence of heart disease and other illnesses, according to the market researchers Mintel (Robin Young writes).

The organisation has found that four-fifths of consumers claim to eat meat whenever they like, more than half say they have no worries about salt, sugar or caffeine, and more than two-fifths pay no attention to their diet at all.

Women are more diet-conscious than men, with only one in two saying she did not count calories, compared with three out of five of the population at large. Women were also less likely to eat meat, and only 45 per cent of them claimed not to worry about the intake of salt, sugar or caffeine.

Mintel concluded that men were complacent about healthy eating and women were committed to eating healthy products and were demanding more of them to meet their requirements.

Mintel calculated, though, that only 8 per cent of all the adult population took some care over everything they consumed. Nearly a quarter were conscious of dietary recommendations to some degree.

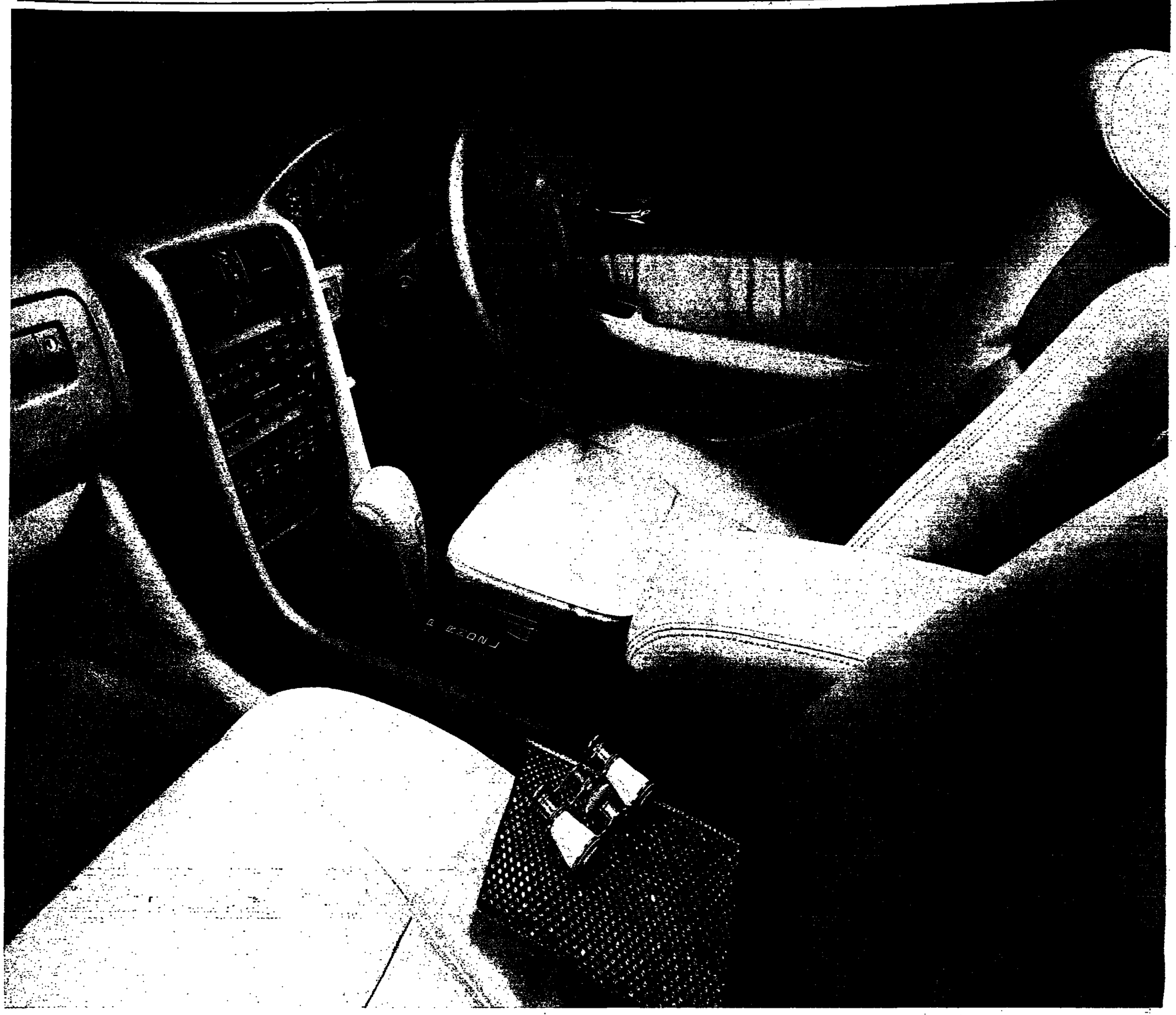
Mintel investigated how many of the population bought products marketed as healthy alternatives to traditional foodstuffs. They found that almost half the adult population claimed to consume low-fat spreads or margarine regularly at home. Two-fifths claimed to drink low fat or skimmed milk, and nearly a third ate low-fat yoghurts.

More than a fifth of adults claimed to eat baked beans with low or reduced levels of salt, sugar and fat. A similar proportion said that they ate breakfast cereals with low or no sugar, but Mintel believes there was confusion among respondents here because few breakfast cereals are in fact promoted on their low sugar content.

The researchers found that respondents who did their main weekly shopping at Tesco, Sainsbury's or Gateway were more likely than average to buy products with low or reduced levels of salt, sugar and calories.

Although people living in London and the South-East consumed slightly more healthy alternatives, there were no regional variations to confirm the existence of any north-south divide over the healthiness of diet.

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Hailsham calls for the home secretary to be legally qualified



Lord Hailsham: "State of war in the Lords"

By SHEILA GUNN
POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

POWER struggles between home office ministers and the judiciary have led to a state of war in the Lords, Lord Hailsham of St Marylebone said yesterday.

To repair relations, the former Lord Chancellor called for Kenneth Baker to be replaced by a legally qualified home secretary and the Home Office to relinquish control of criminal justice procedure to the Lord Chancellor's department.

With other peers, Lord Hailsham criticised the mistrust displayed by ministers for the legal heavyweights in the upper House in recent months during the battles with the Home Office over the War Crimes Act and sentencing policy for murderers.

What is described by peers as the "stuff 'em" attitude of the Home Office towards the Lords reached a climax last week after four government defeats on the criminal justice bill. Ministers made clear that they would not tolerate the peers' interference and plan to reverse the key amendments in the Commons.

But the souring of relations between the government and the judiciary can be traced back through the legal reforms, the overriding of the Lords votes against the war crimes legislation, and the law lords' handling of the appeals against convictions for IRA bombings.

Lord Hailsham said: "I am increasingly disturbed by the attitude of the Home Office. It is getting out of hand." He blamed Home Office civil servants for taking advantage of ministers who were not legally qualified. "They [the ministers] seem to know less and less about more and more. The Home Office is defending its monopoly on criminal law like a tigress defending her cubs."

He added: "The trouble with this brand of home office minister is that they are all nice , good people but they are none of them lawyers so they cannot put the civil servants in their place.

"They do not care about talking nonsense because they appeal to their majority in the Commons, the lobby fodder, then come to the House of Lords and just tell them what's what. They say the Commons are the elected body, when really they are the patient oxen."

Lord Hailsham found a similar pattern in ministerial reaction to the Lords vote to abolish mandatory life sentence for murderers, the definition of violent crime in the criminal justice bill and the war crimes legislation. "You cannot write the whole thing off. There is war and my formula for peace would be to have a legally qualified home secretary and substantive criminal law transferred to the Lord Chancellor's department", he said.

Other peers attributed the bad feeling between the Home Office and the legal heavyweights to the insistence of the new leader of the Lords and former home secretary, Lord Waddington, on arguing against the majority in the upper House over war crimes and mandatory life sentences.

The former home secretary, Lord Jenkins of Hillhead, leader of the Liberal Democrat peers, said: "The higher judiciary in the House of Lords, although not commanding great support by their handling of the miscarriages of justice involved in the Guildford Four, the Maguire and Birmingham cases, are none the less, in my view, firmly in the right on the war crimes bill and mandatory life sentences".

A senior Tory barrister warned ministers that, if the hostility continued, he and other Conservative peers would cease to answer the whip. Lord Hesketh, the new government chief whip, put out a two-line whip to call in Tory peers last week but only about forty backbenchers voted for the government. The barrister added: "They [home office ministers] can go on doing this because I do not think a lot of peers will bother to turn up."

Kinnock calls for greater efforts on EC convergence

By PHILIP WEBSTER, CHIEF POLITIAL CORRESPONDENT

EUROPE

NEIL Kinnock last night strengthened his party's commitment to Europe by calling on the government to implement policies to help to bring the European Community economies closer together.

In a speech emphasising the benefits of closer integration, he told a special meeting of Labour's home policy and international committees that Britain should be in the first division of Europe and called for a new programme to foster the convergence of real economic performance throughout the Community.

In a distinct hardening of Labour's position the committees backed a resolution saying that further movement towards economic and monetary union was now certain. It stated: "The direction is set. National policy towards the EC and more generally must firmly relate to that reality."

It called for strong and consistent policies which would actively promote convergence. "That is the only practical course which can safeguard the interests of the British people, ensure that our country has a full and significant role in the conduct of the Community in all respects, and prevent the greater division of the Community into richer and poorer regions."

Convergence is seen as the essential pre-condition to economic and monetary union by both the government and the Labour leadership, but last night's decision was part of a clear attempt to draw a contrast between Labour's readiness to work for convergence and what Mr Kinnock regards as the government's attitude of waiting for it to happen.

The Labour leader will employ the same theme in a key speech tomorrow to the Transport and General Workers Union conference in Blackpool in which he will spell out the economic policies Labour would introduce on election, but call on the government to introduce them now.

Last night's internal party debate and Mr Kinnock's speech tomorrow were part of a move by the Labour leadership to take the political high ground on Europe.

Strategists in both the main parties accept that the recent media concentration on the internal Conservative debate on Europe appeared to leave Labour on the sidelines and may have been one of the factors in the Conservatives' recent improvement in the opinion polls.

The leadership denied suggestions that there is little to choose between Labour's and the government's approach. Tomorrow Mr Kinnock will make plain that he accepts the pre-requisite of convergance but emphasises belief that convergence on interest rates inflation and trade deficits is possible.

Labour has made plain its belief that the single currency could bring benefits to the British economy, provided there are measures to offset the possible costs and disadvantages.

Last night's meeting attacked the government's dependence on the "market driven" route to greater integration and for giving the impression that it would accept second division status for Britain through some "opt out" arrangement on monetary union. It had weakened Britain's negotiating position and that would minimise influence and maximise disadvantage. Mr Kinnock said that Community finance ministers (Ecofin) should be given an enhanced role in decisions on monetary strategy now and in all further stages of union. The objective of economic union must be the achievement of conditions in which every member state could sustain a rate of growth that maintained domestic employment and avoided large and insupportable current account deficits.

Barrage appeal by Hunt

David Hunt, Welsh secretary, appealed for parliamentary backing yesterday for a bill to build a barrage at Cardiff. He said that 30,000 jobs were involved over a 20-year period. The government published its own bill last week after private legislation was blocked in an all-night sitting earlier this year.

Mr Hunt expressed concern at backbench Labour opposition and added: "I hope everybody in the House will recognise that this is a major flagship project for our capital city and one that puts us firmly on the world map."

Rate-capping attacked

A former Conservative local government minister, Lord Rippon of Hexham, joined Labour in an attack in the Lords on local government tax-capping. Speaking during the commmittee stage of the local government finance and valuation bill, he said that one could not have rate-capping and then talk about democracy and accountability.

However, an amendment to prevent capping under the bill was rejected by 128 votes to 52.

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Questions: Employment; prime minister. Debate on Opposition motion on low income.
Lords (2.30): Export and investment guarantees bill, committee, first day.

Early release 'will disappoint police'

By JOHN WINDER

HOUSE OF LORDS

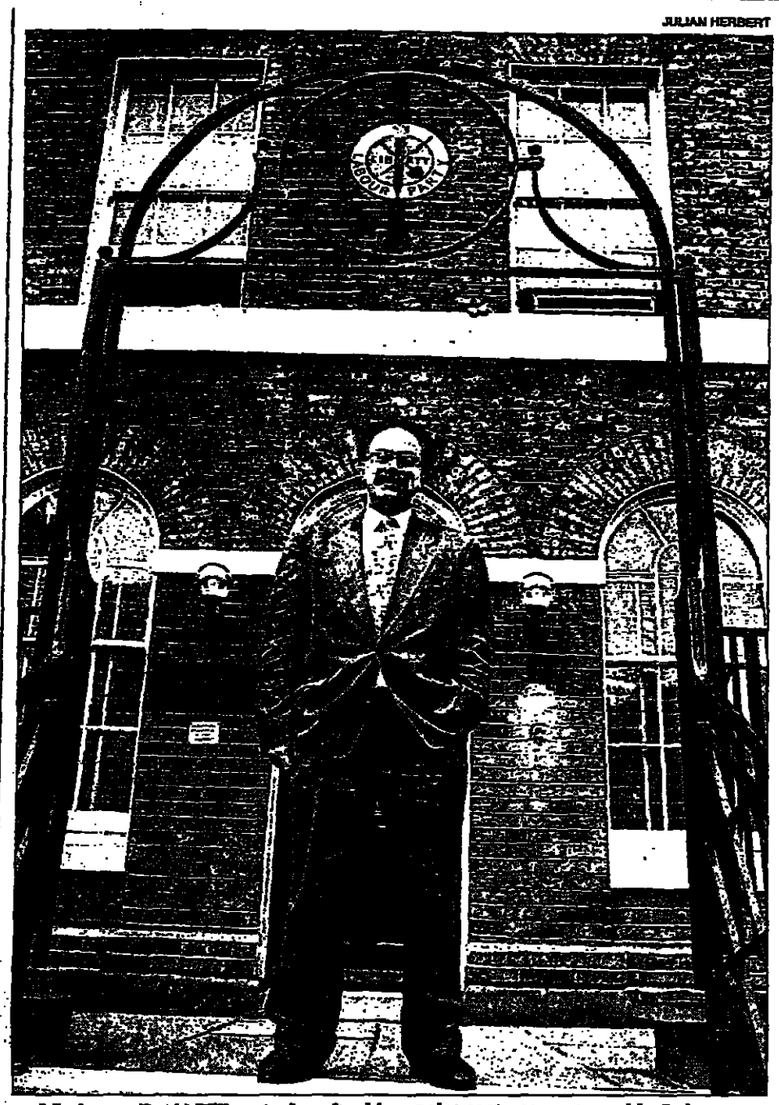
A PEER who was a serving policeman at the time of the Shepherd's Bush murder of three police officers in 1966 and a friend of one of them, told the House of Lords yesterday that there would be disappointment throughout the police force at the recent release of John Witney, sentenced to life imprisonment for the murder of one of the policeman.

Earl Nelson (C) also said at question time that there was an element of farce, too, not in the sentences themselves, but in the way they were interpreted by early release, and in the overturning of sentences by early release.

Lord Boyd-Carpenter, another Conservative peer, asked why Mr Witney had been released after a substantially shorter period than that prescribed by the trial judge.

Earl Ferrers, a home office minister, replied that he was released on life licence on the authority of the home secretary after almost 25 years in prison.

JULIAN HERBERT



Moving on: David Hill yesterday after his appointment was announced by Labour

Labour media post goes to Hattersley aide

By OUR CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

CAMPAIGNS CHIEF

LABOUR appointed one of its most experienced backroom operators to head its press and campaigning effort yesterday in the run-up to the general election.

David Hill, who has worked in government and opposition for the past 15 years for Labour's deputy leader, Roy Hattersley, fills the vacancy left by John Underwood, who resigned last month after failing to win Neil Kinnock's backing in a power struggle at the party's Walworth Road headquarters.

Mr Hill was appointed last night as director of campaigns and communications after a special national executive meeting chose him ahead of Jim Parrish, the party's senior campaigns officer, and Andrew Fox, a television reporter. He starts work in the new post today. Mr Hill, aged 43, was supported by NEC members across the political spectrum. His professional skills are regarded highly within the media with whom he has regularly dealt as Mr Hattersley's right-hand man.

Mr Hill, who was born and brought up in Birmingham, gained an honours degree in philosophy, politics and economics at Oxford University. He worked as industrial relations adviser for Unigate between 1970 and 1972, when he joined Mr Hattersley as a research assistant.

He acted as Mr Hattersley's political adviser when he was prices and consumer protection secretary from 1976 to 1979, and has stayed with him during Labour's 12 years in opposition.

Mr Hill's blunt-speaking no-nonsense approach should serve him well in a job where he will often have to reconcile the competing claims for media attention of NEC and shadow cabinet members.

Like his long-term boss he is an avid football supporter, following Aston Villa. He has been a Labour member for 21 years and stood as Labour's candidate at Burton in both the 1974 general elections.

Mr Underwood had the unenviable task of following Peter Mandelson, whose skills were admired almost as much by the Conservatives as his own side. It was when Mr Kinnock refused his request to move Colin Byrne, the chief press officer, out of his post that he stood down.

Mr Hill said of his £31,600 post: "My task now is to assist the Labour party to win the general election, which is what we will undoubtedly do whenever the prime minister has the guts to call it."

The Labour general secretary, Larry Whitty, welcoming the appointment, said: "David brings to [the job] a wealth of experience and political judgment. He is starting work tomorrow on the campaign for the Labour victory at the next general election."

High tech industry at grave risk

By ROBIN OAKLEY
POLITICAL EDITOR

RESEARCH

PRODUCTS invented in Britain are increasingly being made abroad as the recession destroys high-tech industry in this country, according to Gordon Brown, Labour's trade and industry spokesman.

Mr Brown said yesterday that 25,000 firms had gone bankrupt last year and another 20,000 so far this year. He estimated that 65,000 would go to the wall before the recession came to an end and that they would include 3,500 high tech firms, many of them operating at the frontiers of research.

In 12 years, Mr Brown said, Britain had lost 100,000 jobs as government support for research and development had fallen. The balance of payments surplus in high tech in 1979 had become a deficit. In computers and office machinery, the deficit had risen from £516 million to £1,432 million, the telecommunications surplus of £319 million had become a deficit of £81 million and the consumer electronics deficit of £751 million had turned into a deficit of £1,886 million.

Mr Brown said that OECD figures showed that Britain was the only country with negative annual growth in support for civil research and development, with an annual fall of 0.6 per cent compared with growth of 1.7 per cent in Japan, 4.7 per cent in America and 5.8 per cent in Italy.

The Labour spokesman said that magnetic resonance imaging, invented in Nottingham and Aberdeen and with an annual market now of £600 million was manufactured in Germany, Japan and America. He mentioned liquid crystal displays, fibre optics, monoclonal antibodies, catalytic converters, videotex and the optical switch as products invented in Britain that increasingly were being made elsewhere and sold back to Britain. He called on the government to reduce interest rates immediately and to give companies new investment incentives.

Minimum wage would save £1.3bn, Meacher insists

By NICHOLAS WOOD, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

A NATIONAL minimum wage would save the taxpayer £1.3 billion a year, Labour said yesterday as it sought to counter ministerial allegations that introducing a minimum wage would devastate the economy.

Speaking on the eve of today's Commons debate on low pay, Michael Meacher, shadow social security secretary, said that big savings would flow from higher tax and national insurance revenues and from economies in state benefits.

Mr Meacher said that without a wages floor taxpayers would have to go on subsidising rogue employers. Competition between firms should be on the basis of efficiency and innovation, not on which company paid workers the least.

The Opposition spokesman said that a minimum wage would generate £700 million in higher income-tax revenue, £250 million from employers' national insurance contributions and £225 million from employees' national insurance contributions. In addition, there would be savings of £47.5 million in family credit paid to low income families in work, £45 million in income support, £16 million in rent rebates, £13 million in poll tax rebates, £5 million in social fund grants, and £2.5 million in invalidity benefits, he added.



Meacher: puts emphasis on higher tax revenues

"These are gains which would start tomorrow if a national minimum wage were introduced at the level which Labour recommends, £3.40 an hour ... We have blown apart the Tory claim that the minimum wage would have an adverse effect on the economy."

Ministers have argued that a wages floor would push up unemployment by up to two million, depress growth and increase inflation.

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Guarded optimism as fragile ceasefire eases Yugoslavia away from open conflict

Uneasy Serbs stay alert for Croatian violence

From TIM JUDAH
IN TENJA, CROATIA

AFTER the compromise on Yugoslavia achieved by the European Community at the weekend's Brioni talks, a degree of cautious optimism prevailed yesterday in Belgrade and West European capitals. But in Osijek and its Serb-populated suburb of Tenja, they were preparing for war.

Council workers cleaned anti-aircraft guns outside sandbagged municipal buildings, while people walked their dogs and sunbathed. In Tenja they were still bracing themselves for a Croatian attack. In Osijek, Commander Igor Vrandecic of the Croatian National Guard said: "In Brioni they have been thinking and talking. But I think it's time to fight."

Commander Vrandecic had already spent Sunday fighting in Tenja. As the three European foreign ministers talked peace on the Adriatic island, an eight-hour gun battle raged at Tenja between Croatian forces and armed locals.

The Croats claim that they entered Tenja on Sunday morning to flush out Cetniks, Serb extremists who are intent on building a greater Serbia out of the ruins of Yugoslavia, and that they had been attacked. The Serbs of Tenja said it was they who were attacked by Croats intent on pushing out the people of Serb enclaves in eastern Croatia. The battle cost at least eight lives and ended some hours only after the army intervened. The Croats allege that the army came in on the side of the Serbs. The Serbs say that there are no Cetniks in Tenja. It is a typically dismal Slavonian story.

To enter Tenja you must pass three Croatian road blocks. They are manned by police and heavily armed men in plainclothes. In the centre of town two federal army tanks point towards the Croatian positions. To pass the tanks you negotiate with Serbian militiamen manning a barricade consisting of a combine harvester. Bullet-ridden lorries and cars strewn over the road bear witness to the ferocity of the battle.

Tenja is a prosperous suburban village of neat houses and vegetable gardens. Yesterday afternoon the flies buzzed over the blood on a doorstep in Dravska Street. The last body had just been removed and chickens clucked in the neighbouring garden. Hundreds of spent cartridges lay scattered around the house which, with saucepans still on the oven and bullet-holes through the clock, gave an impression of a macabre Marie Celeste. Most gruesome of all was the ice-cream fridge outside the shot-up grocery next door. It was riddled with bullet holes and its smiling bear motif was spattered with blood.

An old woman stopped outside Tenja town hall: "I haven't been able to get to my house. The Croats are stealing *everything, they want to kill us* with a wave of terror."

Zarko Cubrilo, aged 48, said that he had lost his job of 20 years as a building supervisor. He said that all the Croats in his company had kept their jobs. "Many of us have been sacked because they want an ethnically clean Croatia." Mr Cubrilo said that Croatia's ruling party wanted "either to conquer us and make us loyal citizens who will only be allowed to sweep the streets or kick us out."



Candlelight vigil: supporters of Croatia's independence, standing beside the breakaway republic's flag, singing during a peaceful rally in Zagreb. Several thousand people gathered to pray and listen to political speeches calling for the establishment of a sovereign Croatian republic



War turns to paranoia, spies and propaganda

From ROGER BOYES IN LJUBLJANA

THE Yugoslav army's war with Slovenia has shifted from tanks to television, and the new heroes are not soldiers with rocket launchers but spies with tape recorders.

Yesterday morning, shortly after the European Community peace plan was announced, an indolent reporter could pick up no fewer than four secret army documents in Ljubljana. In military terms, Slovenia has been fighting a defensive war: surrounding, blocking, exhausting. For the time being, this has driven back the Yugoslav army which appears to be smouldering with anger. But the propaganda war is an offensive operation and, peace treaty or not, the Slovenes are determined to wrong-foot their federal enemies.

Over the years Slovenia has built up an extensive intelligence network and it has spies or informants in almost all niches of the armed forces. The army has been arresting or purging Slovene officers, but still the secret papers flow.

Jelko Kacin, the information minister, reads out to journalists an intercepted radio message to tank commanders or a conversation recorded between Yugoslav pilots. Full details of the latest Yugoslav army manoeuvres are available on request.

Slovenia, which took the precaution of organising a modern press centre before the invasion, wants to make a point. Since European Community leaders have promised to move quickly towards recognising Slovenia if there is a new military attack, the Slovenes are anxious to show that the threat has not gone away and that the army is still preparing for action. Sometimes a shadow of doubt flits across the reporter's mind. Could some of these documents be forgeries? But Mr Kacin disagrees. "We spent 24 hours checking authenticity with friendly officers before giving you General Adzic's latest speech," he said.

Even so, there are signs of the manipulation common to all modern wars. Travel, for example, to the scene of a reported grand encounter near the Croatian border, described in Ljubljana in terms normally reserved for Stalingrad, and there are indeed burnt out shells of vehicles, a destroyed tank, glass, smoke and debris. But the locals know the real story: the tank crews surrendered, or the vehicles broke down after trying to drive into a field. Much later the young village boys set the abandoned tank on fire. There was just the appearance of battle.

But the wrecks of the tanks are sufficient for the Western television teams who often arrive too late to see the skirmish. For Slovenes, to win television is to win the war. There has been fighting, and individual bravery, but this was plainly a very small war. About 50 people were killed.

Meanwhile the army has deployed its counter-intelligence service to wage its side of the propaganda war. This notorious section of the army is almost entirely in the hands of Serbian communists. The scenario set out by military counter-spies could be out of a casebook on clinical paranoia. Germany, they say, is out to get the Balkans and a southern coast. Through its willing agent Austria it has infiltrated and steered the secessionist movements in Yugoslavia.

At the beginning of the war some Yugoslav soldiers could be found who believed what they were hearing from Belgrade and their political officers: that Nato, and particularly Germany and Italy, in cahoots with Austria, was getting ready to launch an invasion of Yugoslavia with the help of a quisling Slovene government. By the fifth day of the war, captured soldiers showed that they had begun to understand why they were fighting: to prevent the secession of Slovenia.

Slovenes relax in wake of ceasefire

From ANNE MCELVOY IN LJUBLJANA

THE boulevards of Ljubljana were filled yesterday with strolling couples and shoppers, all enjoying the freedom of their city after the ceasefire agreement on Sunday alleviated — at least for the moment — the fear of war.

In the narrow alleys of the old town, most of the barricades had been removed. The only signs that the city was still on alert was the presence of armed soldiers in the streets and protective casing around monuments. In cafes along the riverbank, soldiers in battle fatigues drank beer in the scorching afternoon sun and devoted their attention to passing girls rather than military tactics. The bars and discos, deserted since the bombing last week, were preparing to reopen.

At the make-shift headquarters of the Slovenian territorial defence force, the mood was also relaxed. Built during the Austro-Hungarian empire as the seat of the regional administration, the elegant white building was home to the city council until it was part-commandeered by the force. "We didn't want to throw the council's committees out, so they still have their meetings here in our headquarters," said one officer. The territorial defence intends to remain in its temporary headquarters because "we are hoping that this scale of military organisation will soon no longer be necessary", he said.

The broad-shouldered commandant for the Ljubljana region, Januz Lesjak, clearly enjoys the responsibility and respect his new role has brought him. Until Slovenia's declaration of independence he was the manager of a printing works and a mere army reservist. "This is my second job but my first duty. We are all Slovene patriots before anything else," he said. "I keep in touch with my factory on the phone but the workers want me to devote my efforts to the defence."

He said that the ceasefire confirmed the acceptance of Slovenia's independence, but he was not optimistic about its duration. "We are still observing movements of weapons towards our borders," he said. "This ceasefire is a fragile one."

In the centre of town, the Yves Saint Laurent shop had reopened. Business has been poor in the past few weeks, a saleswoman said. Shopping in the city had been restricted to housewives securing stores of food for a possible siege. "Now they all want to treat themselves to something nice," she said.

Captured federal officers set free

Belgrade — Ninety-one Yugoslav army officers held prisoner in Slovenia have been released under the peace agreement negotiated with the European Community mission in Brioni (Dessa Trevisan writes).

However, some federal generals, including the chief of staff, General Blagoje Adzic, are not yet ready to submit the army to civilian command. Some of the military leadership still view the army as the defender of the communist system.

General Adzic said Slovenia could still be dealt with "in 10 to 15 days", adding that reservists called up in Serbia at the weekend were highly motivated and ready to act. Serbia's president, Slobodan Milosevic, claimed after inspecting units of the Serbian territorial army yesterday that the response to the call-up was almost 100 per cent.

In fact, however, many Serbs are deserting and ignoring the call-up. Graffiti in Belgrade's main shopping street says: "Arm yourself and run away".

Arms sales ban

Vienna — Austria will ban the export of small calibre and hunting rifles to Yugoslavia from today after indications that such sales may have occurred already. The Yugoslav government has accused Austria of arming Slovenia and Croatia, but the Austrian foreign ministry said no illegal arms exports had taken place.

Visit cancelled

Belgrade — An adviser to the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, Peter Parker, has cancelled a planned visit to Yugoslavia for talks on a $292 million (£180 million) loan to be used for road construction because of the secessionist upheaval there, the Yugoslav government said. *(AFP)*

Troops pull back

Vienna — Austria intends today to pull back some of the 6,000 troops sent to patrol its border with Slovenia, and all border posts are to reopen in the next few days, the defence minister, Werner Fasslabend, said. The troop reduction will be completed by the end of the week. The number involved was not specified. *(AFP)*

Transport alert

Frankfurt — A German lorry drivers' group has given a warning against resuming transport to Yugoslavia, saying the situation is still too insecure. The Federal Association of German Long-Distance Transport said all entry points remained risky because the situation could change from hour to hour. *(Reuter)*

De Klerk and Hurd urge ANC to be constructive

From GAVIN BELL IN JOHANNESBURG

PRESIDENT de Klerk has welcomed a decision by the African National Congress to resume negotiations with Pretoria, and expressed optimism that preparatory talks will begin soon on drafting a new constitution. Speaking after a meeting yesterday with Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, Mr de Klerk said the outcome of the ANC national conference in Durban last week had been constructive.

"There is reason for confidence that the negotiation process will get going sooner rather than later," he said. "This is in line with what we would like to see happen. We are in a hurry to get a multiparty conference going." Mr de Klerk said negotiations were the fundamental solution to political violence afflicting black communities.

The violence between Zulu supporters of the Inkatha Freedom party and ANC sympathisers was the main topic of Mr Hurd's discussions with Mr de Klerk in Pretoria, and with ANC president Nelson Mandela in Johannesburg a few hours later. The foreign secretary acknowledged that the strife was a serious obstacle, but said there was no alternative to negotiations.

"I hope now the ANC congress is over, it will now be possible to resume the push towards fruitful negotiations. I do not see any other way forward for South Africa," he said. In the meetings with both leaders, Mr Hurd also promised £1 million in aid for returning political exiles, the British embassy here said.

An inevitable source of discord in his talks with Mr Mandela was sanctions, which the ANC insists should be withdrawn only in conjunction with further progress towards multiracial democracy. The ANC conference proposed linking the lifting of sanctions with the installation of an interim government, the adoption of a new constitution, and the holding of general elections.

Mr Mandela reiterated this view yesterday, but Mr Hurd said they had agreed on the eventual need for investment. "It is going to involve large sums, and a lot of it is going to have to come from abroad. The difference between us relates to the pace and timing with which these investments are encouraged." The ANC leader concurred, saying: "We are discussing the matter, and *we want to be flexible.* We are friends. Differences are there and I hope we can solve them." Mr Hurd added they had agreed that South African sports which were now fully multiracial should be allowed to return to international competition.

On his arrival for a three-day visit, the foreign secretary paid glowing tribute to the National Party government, saying it had effected an amazing transformation. "It is only reasonable and right that friends of South Africa should begin to show their satisfaction by removing some sanctions." In a television interview, he said Britain was ready to "pitch in and help" Pretoria in a race against time to translate its political reforms into economic growth.

"There is a time-scale, because you have a population growing all the time, and you need economic growth in order to realise some of the hopes raised by the political changes . . . you cannot build a new nation, a post-apartheid South Africa, on sanctions. You build it on investment, on technical assistance, on help of all kinds."

Mr Hurd was attending a private dinner last night with a wide range of anti-apartheid figures. The guest list included Helen Suzman, the veteran liberal politician, members of the new ANC leadership, and officials of the radical Pan Africanist Congress and the Azanian People's Organisation. He was flying to Durban today for talks with Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi, the Inkatha leader, who yesterday charged that the ANC congress had changed little in regard to peace talks and fighting in black townships. He said violence between black groups had become endemic.



De Klerk: sure that talks will get underway soon

Iraq gives details of nuclear equipment

From CHARLES BREMNER
IN NEW YORK

IRAQ has presented the United Nations with what it calls an exhaustive list of nuclear equipment in its possession, but officials declined to say whether it included the uranium-enrichment machines that were the subject of a diplomatic chase last month.

The 50-page inventory, presented to the UN in New York and to the International Atomic Energy Agency in Vienna, was described by Abdul Amir al-Anbari, the Iraqi ambassador to the UN, as "tables covering all equipment and material of the Iraqi nuclear programme . . . everything we possess". Iraqi diplomats say the list reflects a co-operative approach by Baghdad, but diplomats at the security council said they remained sceptical, given President Saddam Hussein's earlier defiance of orders to reveal his nuclear programme.

According to American intelligence reports, Saddam has not divulged the existence of "calutron" machines, which can be used to produce weapons-grade uranium.

The White House said yesterday that Iraq had admitted that it was trying to develop nuclear weapons and demanded that Baghdad open its atomic facilities to international inspectors. "It appears that nothing in this document changes the need for comprehensive inspections" required by UN resolutions, Marlin Fitzwater, the White House spokesman said.

Lebanon faces battle for key town

From RICHARD BEESTON
IN SIDON

NOT even attempting to conceal his elation, the Lebanese army captain, probably not for the first time, recounted his successful capture of a key Palestinian hilltop position in the latest bout of fighting near this southern port city.

"Don't get me wrong," said the American-trained commando, one hand resting on the butt of his pistol as a crowd of young soldiers gathered round to hear their exploits extolled. "I have got nothing against Palestinians as such, but they have to understand that they are guests in our country. I hope that this incident served as a *lesson to others who think* they can trifle with the army."

A fellow officer on guard outside the sprawling Palestinian refugee camp of Ein el-Hilweh said that rarely in its four-decade history had the Lebanese military been able to boast a victory in battle which was not at the expense of its own people. To mark the occasion, General Emile Lahoud, the chief of staff, treated officers to a celebratory dinner *after the battle and then* insisted on posing for photographs.

The latest round of fighting involved, for the first time since 1975, a unified army where both Muslim and Christian soldiers fought side by side and successfully evicted Palestinian guerrillas from their strongholds in the hills east of Sidon. Yesterday, the camp and Sidon appeared to be returning to normal as the army *reduced its presence*, released some of its estimated 300 Palestinian prisoners and allowed traffic to flow relatively freely in and out of Ein el-Hilweh.

The speed and success of the operation have taken both the Palestinians and the Lebanese by surprise, and the victory has created many problems for Lebanon's government as it attempts to impose its authority throughout the country. After Sidon, the army now has the more daunting task of trying to reclaim the town of Jezzine, perched in the mountains 12 miles to the east where the south Lebanon army, Israel's proxy force, is deployed in well-defended mountain positions.

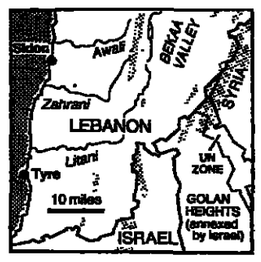
Lebanon hopes that the decline of Palestinian power in the area will persuade Israel and its surrogate that their presence is no longer necessary, but *Israeli statements* at the weekend have made it clear that the Jewish state is not inclined to relinquish any positions in Lebanon for the benefit of the pro-Syrian government of President Hrawi.

The issue could be critical in deciding if Lebanon is at last breaking with the legacy of its civil war. "We have had our hopes raised too many times over the past 16 years to know whether peace is really at *hand*," a Lebanese businessman said yesterday. "I will be persuaded when I see the Lebanese army in Jezzine."

● **Jerusalem:** The commander of the Israeli-backed militia in southern Lebanon yesterday told the Lebanese government not to pick a fight with him over Jezzine (Paul Adams writes).

General Antoine Lahad, who leads the 3,000-strong south Lebanon army, gave the latest in a series of indications that Israel and its allies have no intention of rethinking their policy in the area. "People in Jezzine are as concerned as everyone else by the situation," General Lahad said. "They know that if it is to become a base for attacks it will be subject to reprisals."

Israeli officials emphasised the importance of holding on to the town, which is just north of Israel's self-declared security zone and 11 miles east of Sidon. Yossi Olmert, director of the government press office, said: "We consider Jezzine to be part of the security zone."



Militant Kurds attack Turks

From ANDREW FINKEL IN ISTANBUL

HELICOPTERS normally used to support Operation *Haven* in northern Iraq were used to evacuate three Turkish gendarmes wounded in clashes with Kurdish separatists, a spokesman for the allies confirmed. The evacuation occurred after members of the Workers' Party of Kurdistan mounted a series of attacks on police and Turkish government targets near to the allied military base in Silopi and three other towns in the region.

The incident, so near to the area proposed for a rapid deployment force once Western armies withdraw from northern Iraq, highlights the difficulties the proposed international force may find itself overseeing. Unlike Iraqi Kurds who regard the allies as saviours, the radical Kurdish movement operating on the Turkish side of the border see the allied presence as a pretext by the old imperialist powers to suppress Kurdish claims for self-rule.

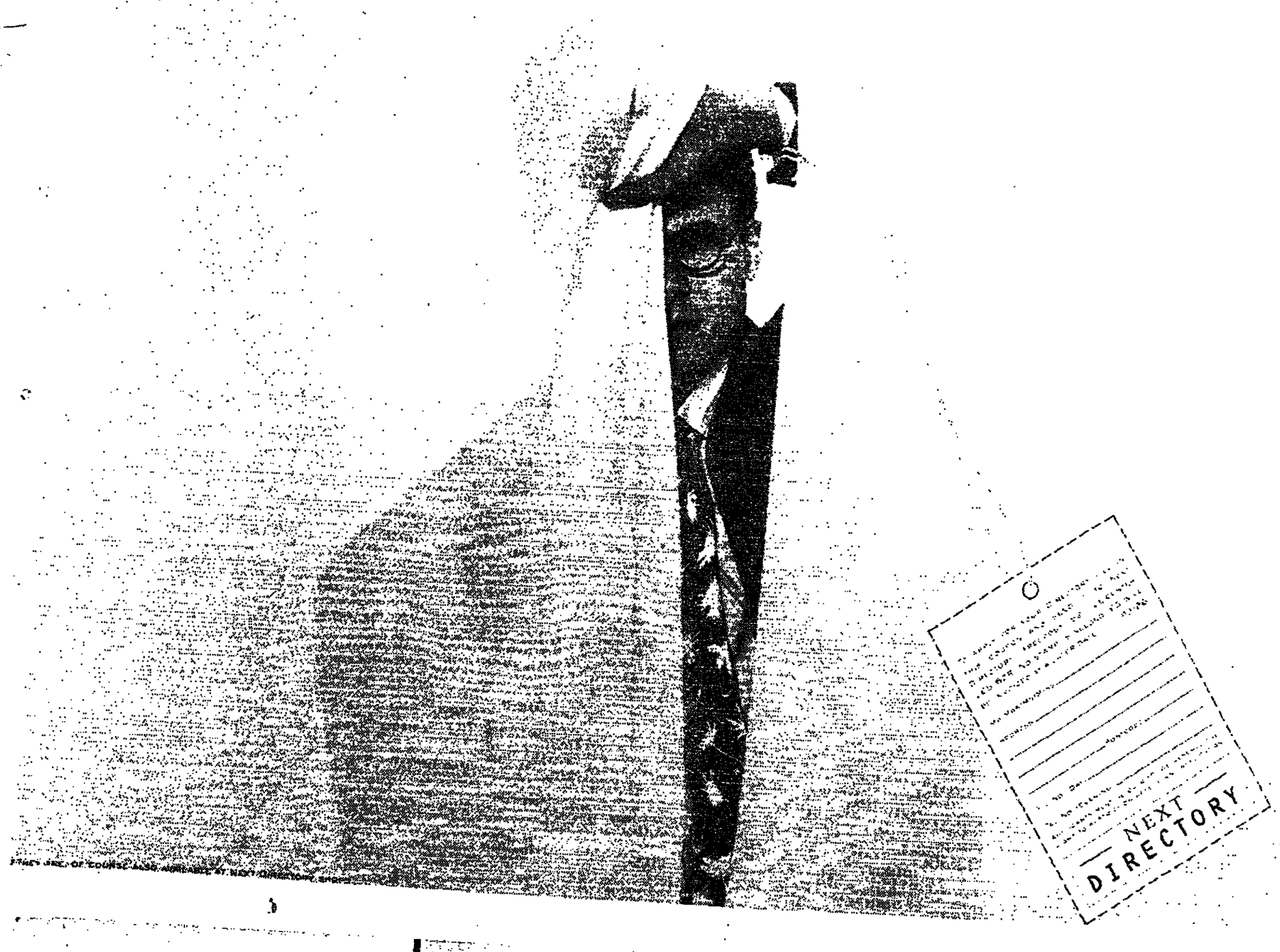
An allied spokesman denied a Turkish newspaper report that Apache helicopters belonging to the multinational force went out looking for the Kurds. "That is not part of our mission," said Major John Curd, from Incirlik airbase. He said security was increased as it became clear from tracers and the sound of automatic fire and rockets that some sort of attack was going on near by.

One of the wounded gendarmes was taken for treatment to Zakho, in northern Iraq. At least six militants were reported killed. No allied personnel or property came under fire.

● **Ankara:** The United States shot down one of its own planes off Cyprus yesterday after it caught fire while heading for a reconnaissance mission over northern Iraq, said Major Curd, at Incirlik. The five-man crew of the E2C Hawkeye baled out safely before it was destroyed by a US Navy fighter. *(Reuter)*

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Iran-Contra scandal returns to haunt Bush's CIA choice



Reagan: orders search of his archives for evidence

Allegations that the 1980 Reagan campaign team delayed the release of hostages in Iran refuse to go away, Susan Ellicott writes

NOTHING is more likely to get Washington's legions of conspiracy theorists in a lather than the scent of a scandal. The latest is a revival of the "October surprise" theory, which claims that Ronald Reagan's 1980 election campaign staff delayed the release of American hostages from Iran in return for American arms shipments to the Tehran government.

Political theorists have been discussing the evidence for and against since Professor Gary Sick, an adviser to former President Jimmy Carter, recently reignited the controversy. In *The New York Times*, he said he believed that William Casey, Mr Reagan's campaign manager, struck a deal.

In the vengeful world of partisan politics, the charge hit hard. The Reagan-Bush campaign was paranoid about Mr Carter winning a second term if the 52 hostages were released before polling day. Carter supporters still smart over the blindfolded captives being led from the Tehran US embassy minutes after Mr Reagan took the oath of office on January 20, 1981.

Ten years later, Professor Sick has drawn a wide range of Washington forces into play. President Bush has declared himself outraged at "this rumour-mongering". Diehard Democratic party loyalists are revelling in a chance to air again allegations against the Republicans that have refused to expire for a decade. (Cynics blame the media for seeking a compelling story during a post-Gulf war lull as Washington slows down for its traditional mid-year rest.)

So far, members of Congress have conducted only informal investigations. But political leaders are under pressure to launch a formal enquiry, goaded by Democrats who think their party has little to lose. At best, proof would knock out Mr Bush's chances of a re-election walkover next year. Others are less sure. They worry that a public hearing would be costly, at least $500,000 (£312,000) by one estimate, may be inconclusive and would be certain to degenerate into a partisan brawl. Besides, they complain, what good would a trial be when Oliver North, the former marine colonel and White House aide convicted for his role in the Iran-Contra affair, has emerged as a national conservative hero?

Mr Reagan is so annoyed by the allegations that he has ordered the head of his presidential library in California to search his 1980 campaign papers for evidence. Last weekend Edwin Meese, his former attorney-general, denied that any member of the campaign team, of which he was chief of staff, had met anyone to delay the hostages' release.

Professor Sick cites a conversation with Jamshid Hashemi, an Iranian arms dealer, who says his late brother, Cyrus, talked to Mr Casey in a Madrid hotel one July weekend in 1980 about a deal. He also believes circumstantial evidence, uncovered by media investigations this summer, that Mr Casey "disappeared" that same weekend. Acquaintances of Mr Casey have said he was interested in history and was at a conference on the second world war in London, although his activities on one day remain unclear. The conspiracy theorists point out that Madrid is only a two-hour flight from Britain.

Even if it is never resolved, the theory threatens to give Robert Gates, Mr Bush's choice for Central Intelligence Agency director, a bumpy ride in forthcoming confirmation hearings. Attention is again focused on the Iran-Contra scandal when Mr Gates, the White House deputy national security adviser, was deputy head of the CIA. As a result, his Democrat inquisitors on a senate panel are poised to play up allegations that he knew more than he revealed about the illegal diversion into weapons for Nicaragua's right-wing Contra rebels of profits from American arms sales to Iran.

In a sign of the battle ahead, senators have asked Mr Gates to answer in writing more than 80 pre-hearing questions. Furthermore, his opponents are waiting for Alan Fiers, a former senior CIA official involved in the Iran-Contra affair, to sign an expected plea bargain with his prosecutors. In return for a guilty plea on a misdemeanour charge, Mr Fiers will testify about what he knew of the roles of his colleagues, including Mr Gates, in the arms scandal cover-up.

Soviet arms team aims to clear way for summit

By Susan Ellicott in Washington and Our Foreign Staff

SOVIET officials will arrive in Washington tomorrow to hold talks on a proposed long-range arms reduction treaty, following a plea by President Bush to President Gorbachev to show flexibility if he wants a superpower summit this month.

In a joint statement yesterday, the White House and Soviet embassy in Washington said that James Baker, the US Secretary of State, and his Soviet counterpart, Aleksandr Bessmertnykh, would discuss a strategic arms reduction treaty (Start) on Thursday and Friday.

The announcement came after Mr Gorbachev replied swiftly to an unusual message from President Bush at the weekend urging the Soviet leader to step up efforts to reach a treaty.

"There is plenty of time to get this done so we can have a meeting at the end of July," said Mr Bush. He referred to the visit of the Soviet officials this week as "a good sign". Among the Soviet negotiators will be Mikhail Moiseyev, the Kremlin's senior military official, and Alexei Obukhov, the deputy foreign minister.

Marlin Fitzwater, President Bush's press secretary, said that the Soviet ambassador to the United States, Viktor Kompletkov, delivered Mr Gorbachev's reply to Brent Scowcroft, the White House national security adviser. The White House said that Mr Gorbachev agreed with Mr Bush's wish to "redouble efforts at reaching a Start agreement". A summit could take place late this month in Moscow if negotiators clear the way for the signing of a treaty.

Mr Bush had indicated he was unwilling to hold a summit this summer without at least an agreement in principle on sharp cuts in long-range missiles in the United States and the Soviet Union, including stockpiles of nuclear arms, bombers and submarines. The superpowers have been trying to conclude such a treaty for almost ten years.

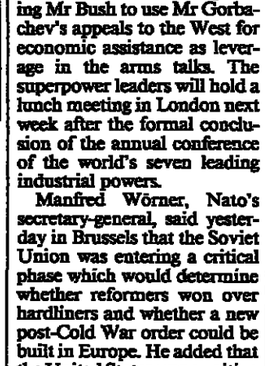
Mr Bush sent a message via his ambassador in Moscow, Jack Matlock, on Saturday after his staff expressed dismay that two weeks of superpower talks in Geneva had ended last week with no progress on an accord to cut long-range missiles by about 30 per cent. American officials said the Soviet team did not include delegates who were authorised to approve or propose changes in their country's position.

Hardliners in the Bush administration have been pressing Mr Bush to use Mr Gorbachev's appeals to the West for economic assistance as leverage in the arms talks. The superpower leaders will hold a lunch meeting in London next week after the formal conclusion of the annual conference of the world's seven leading industrial powers.

Manfred Wörner, Nato's secretary-general, said yesterday in Brussels that the Soviet Union was entering a critical phase which would determine whether reformers won over hardliners and whether a new post-Cold War order could be built in Europe. He added that the United States was awaiting the outcome of that struggle before deciding its level of forces in Europe.

"This is a very critical phase in the development of the Soviet Union," he said. "The next one (or) two years will be decisive as to the future of the Soviet Union ... whether reform will win over reactionary tendencies." Mr Gorbachev is struggling with virtual economic collapse and disgruntled hardliners angry about the loss of military power, as well as ethnic and nationalist tensions.

Herr Wörner said that Nato remained committed to co-operation with Moscow through increased military and diplomatic contacts. "Since our interest is to build the new Europe with the Soviet Union, much will depend on the developments (there)," he said.



Matlock: relayed Bush's message to Soviet leader



Sounding off: European Community employees shouting their disapproval of a new way of calculating salary increases outside the organisation's headquarters in Brussels as European finance ministers arrived for a meeting yesterday. The demonstration was organised in support of a campaign by 25,000 officials against plans to change the basis on which pay rises are calculated. The officials' unions say the calculations will lead to inadequate increases. Two strikes have paralysed EC life twice in the past month and a third is planned. Although the strikes have been called over technical matters, officials at the European Commission are in a truculent mood. The new EC treaty which is to be signed at the end of the year may reduce the power of the commission. More than 3,000 officials will have to move their offices at least once in the next five years as the commission's asbestos-ridden Berlaymont headquarters is demolished. Ministers' meeting, page 21



Estonian guards replaced

From Anatol Lieven in Tallinn

COMMUNIST local authorities in the Russian-dominated Estonian town of Narva have ordered Estonian border guards out of posts on the Russian frontier and replaced them with local Russian policemen under their control.

With the Soviet government apparently determined to stall negotiations on Baltic independence, the move is being seen as the latest in the game of chess between Moscow and Tallinn. Raivo Vare, the Estonian minister of state, compared the move with recent attacks on Lithuanian and Latvian border posts by Soviet special forces.

He said that the move could create conflict elsewhere in Estonia, 40 per cent of whose people are Russian speakers, and called on the Narva municipality to renounce the use of force. The Estonian government would try to find a compromise, he added. Estonians are wondering who in Moscow might have sanctioned the action, or whether it was decided locally.

Although an Estonian area in the past, the northeast of the republic now has a large majority of Russian speakers, thanks to planned immigration under Soviet rule. In defiance of Estonia, local councils declared in December that the region remained legally a part of the Soviet Union. In March, the region voted by a substantial margin against Estonian independence. The new communist leadership in the area seems to have gained the allegiance of many Russians.

Moscow abandons talk of central economic control

From Mary Dejevsky in Moscow

VALENTIN Pavlov, the Soviet prime minister, yesterday cancelled plans to report the first half-year's economic statistics to parliament, restricting himself to the disastrous position of foreign trade.

His decision, for which no explanation was offered, suggested that the government had abandoned all pretence of exerting central control over the economy by legislative means. The condition of the economy is now unlikely to be discussed by parliament before the autumn.

The preliminary figures for the first half year, which were presented to economic officials from the Soviet Union's 15 republics at a Kremlin meeting last week, are believed to be extremely bad, but also to have little meaning. Much economic activity is now simply bypassing the centre as enterprises and farms conclude their own barter deals just to survive.

The difficulty of making economic decisions centrally was recognised by Mr Pavlov somewhat petulantly at a press conference last week. He said he saw no point in discussing next year's budget before the republics had made their decisions, "because the union budget is connected to a significant extent with the question of how relations between the centre and the republic are regulated".

His words suggested that, against his better judgment, economic relations between the centre and the republics had not yet been finalised, representing a considerable change of mind on his part. Only two weeks earlier, *Pravda* published a full page of what it said was a draft of the government's guidelines for the 1992 state budget. The publication had horrified republic leaders who saw it as a reversion to old methods of central planning.

Yesterday, Mr Pavlov's unhappiness became apparent when parliament refused for the third time to approve the appointment of a foreign trade minister. After the latest candidate, the current minister, Konstantin Katushev, failed to gain the necessary number of votes, Mr Pavlov objected that the dire situation in foreign trade was no reflection on the minister's competence but a result of circumstances beyond his control.

He said that this year's catastrophic decline in foreign trade was connected less with the demise of Comecon than with the dearth of Soviet goods available for export. This he ascribed to the "independence declarations of the republics" and "gaps in customs control".

His view was echoed by Mr Katushev who, in a rerun of Mr Pavlov's complaints to parliament two weeks ago, complained that he did not have the power to enforce decisions. He singled out difficulties in controlling barter trade, which has theoretically been banned during the first half of this year.

In some Soviet political circles the cancellation of yesterday's economic debate was linked with Friday's surprisingly conciliatory speech by Boris Yeltsin, the Russian leader, on the new union treaty. There was speculation that President Gorbachev had arranged a deal whereby Mr Yeltsin agreed not to obstruct the treaty in advance of the Group of Seven meeting in London in return for an undertaking from the Soviet president to allow the republics more economic leeway.

Mr Yeltsin was one of those who had complained about Mr Pavlov's attempt at old-style central budgeting. Starting yesterday, all talk of central budgets, for this year and next, has mysteriously been dropped.

Gorbachev G7 trip stirs resentment

By Michael Binyon, Diplomatic Editor

PRESIDENT Gorbachev's invitation to meet the Group of Seven leaders after their economic summit is causing increasing resentment in Eastern Europe and consequent embarrassment in the West.

Several East European countries, in particular Hungary, Poland and Czechoslovakia, are hoping at this late stage to be invited to London too. Expressing fears that the G7 will negotiate an aid package to the Soviet Union at their expense, they say the Western industrialised democracies must not renege on their promises to help the other half of Europe, and a meeting with the G7 would reinforce that commitment.

British officials, however, have made it clear that an invitation for any East European leader to attend the summit is out of the question. "No one should believe however that the Gorbachev visit means any downgrading of our interest in and concern for Eastern Europe," an official said.

Britain has insisted that the G7 meeting with the Soviet leader will be a framework discussion of Soviet economic reform and the West's response. It will not deal with specific aid projects, nor are the seven nations willing to pour money into the Soviet economy until there have been substantial further changes.

The Seven will find it hard to convince the struggling new democracies that their needs and difficulties still command the same attention as they did a year ago, when the West set up the Group of 24 donor nations and the Bank for European Reconstruction and Development.

Eastern Europe is worried that the Gulf crisis, the collapse of the Soviet economy and the turmoil in Yugoslavia have eclipsed the region's political and economic reforms, and that Western public support for aid has fallen at a time when it is most needed.

Britain is confident that the Soviet leader now understands he will not be offered any aid package when he arrives. "I think it is understood generally and it is understood in Moscow that the summit is not an occasion for financial assistance decisions," one official said. "I do not expect that people will be coming to London with that sort of request." His remarks were addressed as much to Eastern Europe as to Moscow.

SIBERIA NOTEBOOK by Bruce Clark

Cold-water fans carry craze to the frozen limit

Lake Baikal may be beautiful to behold and pleasant to sail on but, apart from a few sheltered inlets, it takes a very Russian form of masochism to stay in its icy waters more than a few seconds, particularly without a wet-suit.

An astonishing capacity for this kind of self-torture was displayed a few days ago by several dozen cold-water enthusiasts who crossed the lake from east to west at its narrowest point, about 25 miles across, in a 17-hour relay.

Accompanied by a small boat, they set out at 5.30am in freezing rain, high winds and a vast, heaving swell. The first swimmer, Sergei Krishin, a master of aquatic endurance tests, ploughed through the waves for half an hour; most could barely manage 20 minutes and some only covered as many yards in that time. Krishin galvanised his weaker brethren with two more displays of his prowess before nightfall.

Having claimed a record for the fastest ever relay across the lake (can there be many other contenders?) the "Winter Swimming Marathon Association" now plans to travel to America — in a relay across the Bering Strait.

Sadder and more serious matters are on the minds of a small group of Irkutsk citizens who campaign against malpractices by the judiciary, including wrongful referrals for psychiatric treatment which, they insist, still occur.

They are anxiously awaiting developments in a long-running libel suit viewed as an important test of the authorities' willingness to scrutinise their own behaviour. It arises from a grisly murder, and pits senior officials of the city's public prosecution department against a prominent journalist.

The victim, a young woman named Marina Zinoviev, disappeared from her grandmother's house in Irkutsk in September 1985. Emma Zorina, her mother, found police and prosecutors oddly reluctant to investigate, and a whispering campaign began, apparently officially inspired, to the effect that the missing woman was a loose-living person whose disappearance was no surprise.

Six months later, fishermen found Mrs Zinoviev's dismembered body in the Angara, the mighty river which flows north out of Lake Baikal. Her husband confessed to the murder, and claimed to have had no accomplices in the murder or in dumping the body.



The reporter, Igor Shirobokov, caused a sensation in Irkutsk by detailing previously suppressed evidence that the killer was abetted by two members of his family, and that a cover-up was organised by a third relative, who held a top post in the prosecution service. The reporter quoted a note passed by the murderer from his cell to his prosecutor relative apparently asking for the removal from the case of a detective who was proving over-zealous. To date no accomplices have been arrested.

Two years have passed since Mr Shirobokov's article appeared, and he has since been elected to the Russian parliament; his admirers back in Irkutsk are hoping he has not lost his stomach for a fight.

Chancellor speaks of Austria's nazi guilt

Vienna — Franz Vranitzky, the Austrian chancellor, yesterday made one of the most explicit acknowledgments yet of Austrian complicity in nazi crimes.

"We acknowledge all the facts of our history and the deeds of all sections of our people ..." he told parliament. "And just as we take credit for the good, we must also apologise for the evil to survivors and relatives of the dead."

He said that while individual Austrian politicians had acknowledged guilt for the country's past, he wished to do so in the name of the government "as our contribution to the new political culture in Europe". His speech was prompted by a scandal over remarks by a prominent right-wing politician praising Hitler's employment policies.

While thousands of Austrians had been imprisoned or murdered by the nazis, many others had welcomed the 1938 Anschluss, he said. *(Reuter)*

Troops at bay

Nicosia — A private, aged 19, from the 1st Battalion, The Worcester and Sherwood Foresters, who briefly kidnapped four women soldiers at gunpoint, was still holding troops at bay at Dhekelia, a British army base in Cyprus, as the siege entered its fourth day. *(Reuter)*

Rainbow protest

Paris — Greenpeace is to stage a silent demonstration tomorrow against France's award of a military honour to Colonel Alain Mafart, who was convicted of sinking its flagship, the Rainbow Warrior. "The socialist establishment will stop at no indecency," the environmentalist group said in a statement. *(Reuter)*

Teachers fired

Dresden — About 7,000 teachers in Saxony will be sacked for being former Communist party functionaries, or Stasi agents, education ministry officials said. The officials said that the teachers owed their positions to these links and were unqualified to teach in democratic, united Germany. *(Reuter)*

KGB open day

Moscow — The KGB opened its training school in south-eastern Moscow to the public on Sunday for the first time. It was the latest move in the KGB's campaign to polish its image in the era of glasnost. Hundreds of families came.

Policeman shot

Paris — A policeman was shot and injured as he and colleagues dismantled a barricade of burning tyres and cars, blocking a main road at Saint-Laurent-des-Arbres in the south of France. The barricade was erected by young French Arabs to draw attention to their economic plight. *(Reuter)*

Swede gored

Pamplona — Torly Urban, a Swede aged 23, was badly gored and four others were injured during the second bull run of Pamplona's annual San Fermin festival. Mr Urban remained impaled on a bull's horn for several seconds after being gored in the buttock as he ran ahead of the animals. *(Reuter)*

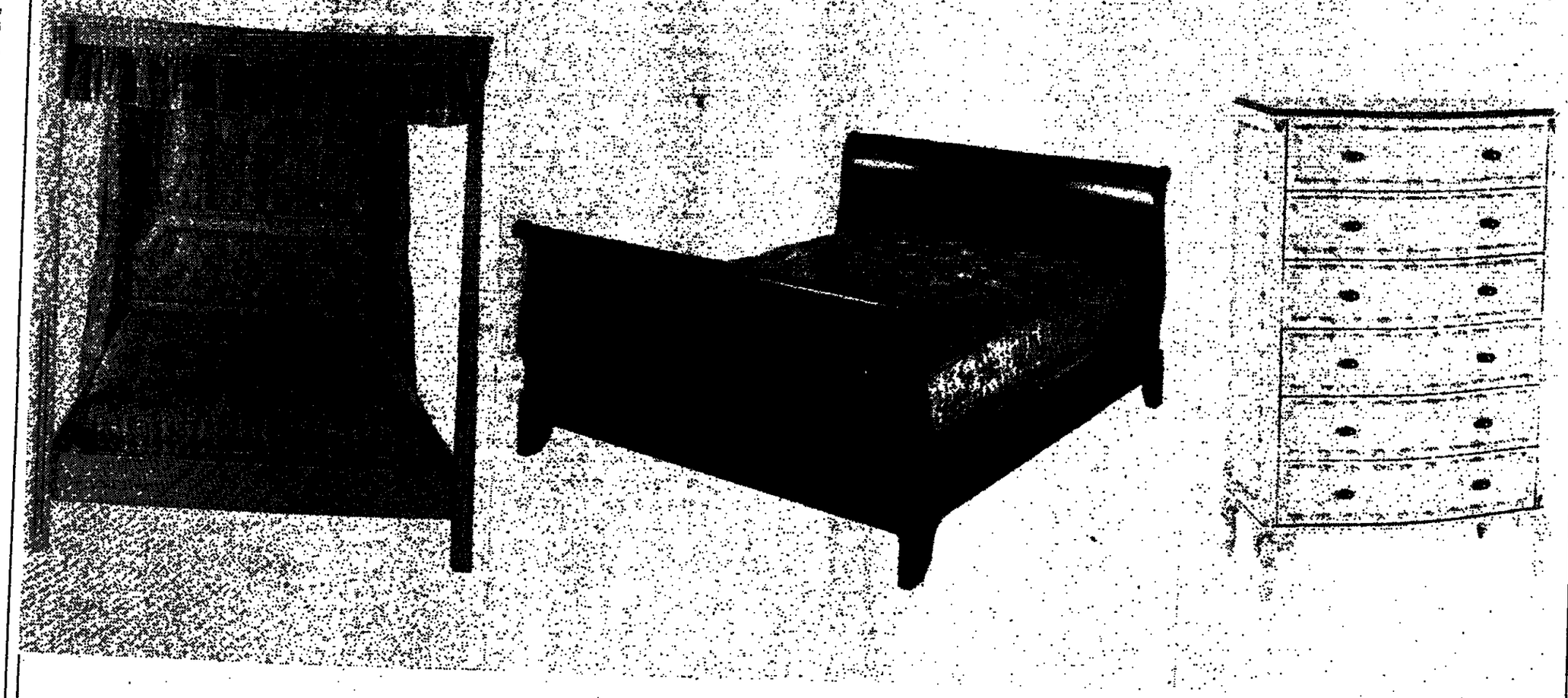
End of the road

Melun, France — A 98-year-old Frenchman, André Bottin, who passed his driving test in 1930 and had never had an accident since then, was killed in a collision at a crossroads on a local road near here. The two occupants of the other car involved were slightly injured. *(AFP)*

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Cosy shows in the capital

Liz Smith previews the London haute couture season

Haute couture in London is a cosy business compared with the high-gloss events that regularly take place in Paris or Rome. Nothing more nor less than the start of the schools' summer holidays has dictated the date for one of London's top designer shows. Victor Edelstein, couturier to a chic clique of young mothers led by the Princess of Wales, sees no point in waiting until next week, when his fellow London couturiers — Sir Hardy Amies, Franka, Anouska Hempel, Hartnell and Lachasse — show their collections on consecutive days and turn it into a conventional "season".



Mr Edelstein's customers, he says, will have packed up their children and left town by next Monday, so his presentation of 50 designs for winter 1991 is being staged today. The princess does not attend the show, in the Hyde Park hotel. She usually prefers to sit with the designer and watch a rehearsal.



"I put on my show for my customers," Mr Edelstein says. "In Paris and Rome they stage them for press and visiting Americans. It would be ridiculous for me to time mine on the off-chance of getting a few new customers en route for the Paris collections next week."

Only a small percentage of the clothes are for day. Mr Edelstein knows that his young clientele do not dress up in the day as often as the most visible member of their group. Like her, their informal uniform for ferrying children to school often consists of jeans, sweater and baseball cap. For daytime dressing up, he is supplying them with a choice of three tweed suits with velvet trim, three jersey dresses with his signature drape and twist detailing, and three double jersey suits.

For the first time for many seasons he has designed three trouser outfits for evening. "I think trousers are important again. Women are dressing up in a more relaxed way," he says.

Mr Edelstein is known for his clever ruching and draping. In his hands, fabric is never puckered up to achieve the tension of, say, a sexy and taut Parisian silhouette that is then released somewhere — often in a cheeky bustle — as an extravagant froufrou. Mr Edelstein's customer prefers a more sedate slinkiness.

There are few big balldresses among the 50 outfits in his collection. "Most women do not want to wear them," he says. Those long dresses he has designed are split to bare a leg. He is particularly pleased with one that brings together all his design ideas. One piece of fabric is wrapped around the body to become a slinky, seamless column that is short on one side and dips on the other. "I was working with fabric on the mannequin stand and it suddenly designed itself. This will be the starting point for my next collection," he says. Work on the collection began in early May. "I design a few ideas and start making them. The collection then grows from there."

The realities of supplying custom-made clothes to a home-based clientele have also kept the five workrooms in Sir Hardy Amies's couture house busy all season. Weeks of work went into the Queen's new wardrobe for her recent visit to America, including her most stylish outfit, an ecru lace suit. "If anything it is the off-the-peg business that has slowed up. The British love any excuse not to go shopping," Ken Fleetwood, the head of the Hardy Amies design team, says. "The point about couture is that there is no substitute for it. If you want to have a suit made you don't go to a shop, you come to a couture house, as you have always done." The classic Amies silhouette is softened for winter with new shawl collars.

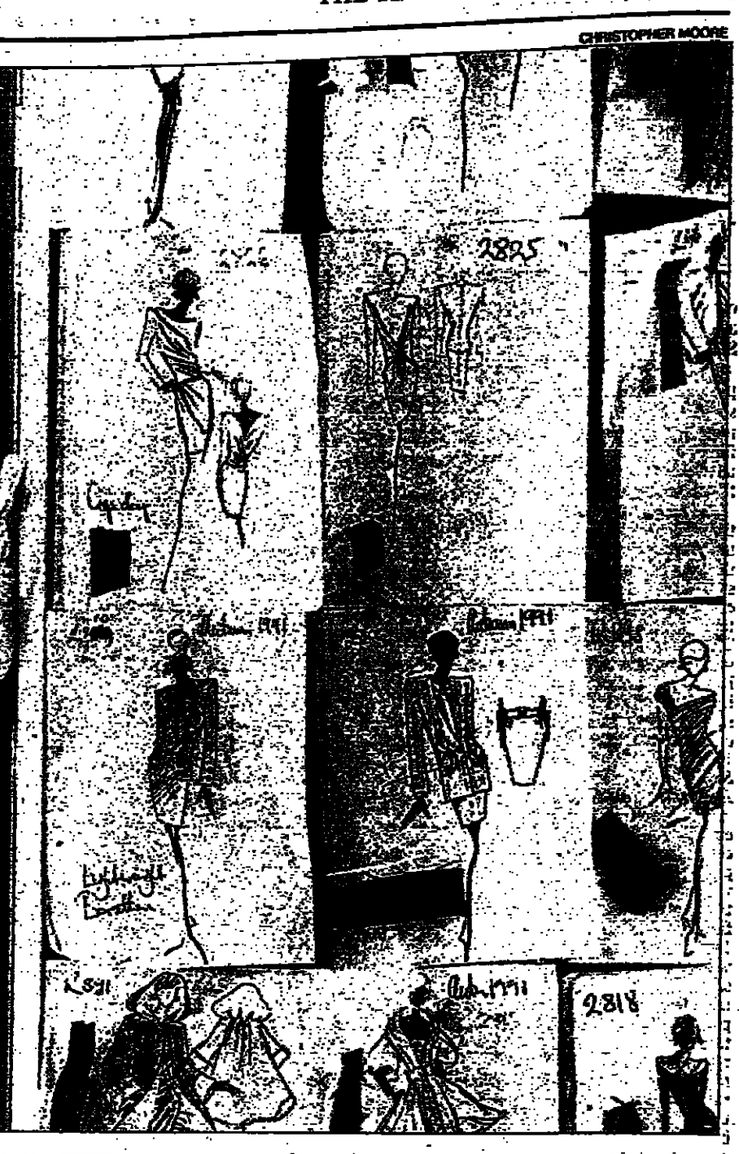
Anouska Hempel, whose couture house grew out of the simple clothes with a dramatic line that she designed for herself, will show next week a typically stark collection in black and white. Her couture salon may be more intimate in scale than most, with Princess Margaret, the Duchess of York and Princess Michael of Kent regularly squeezing on to the crowded benches for one of her shows, but her style is sumptuous rather than cosy. For next season she has created the painter's smock in black velvet with a dramatic sweep of white satin for the collar and cuffs. "I like to think my customer has a few ideas of her own," she says. "The painter's smock can be a dress, a coat or a tunic. We chop it up and make it to suit the customer. I work with her on the idea. The whole point is the simplicity and elegance. I can expand the collar into something more dramatic, or make it smaller or slash the neckline to make it fall off one shoulder."

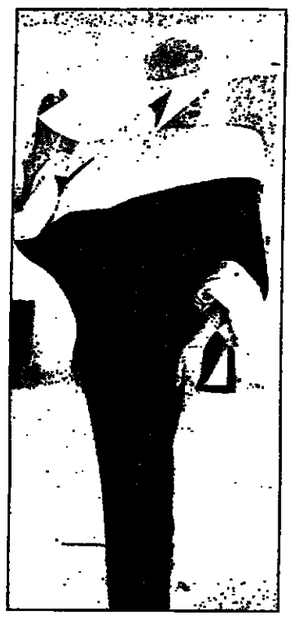
'It is the off-the-peg business that has slowed up. The British love any excuse not to go shopping'

Marc Bohan, the former designer at Dior in Paris, lit a competitive spark last season when he joined the cosy London couture club. The timing of his arrival could not have been more unfortunate. The Gulf war and general economic uncertainty contrived to cut down the number of clients and friends on both sides of the Atlantic prepared to follow him to London. His most visible friend and client, Princess Caroline of Monaco, has been in mourning since last autumn.

Hartnell fitters have, however, been busy dressing summer brides and have made trips across the Atlantic to fit a few American clients. The eagerly awaited ready-to-wear line by Bohan for Hartnell will be launched this autumn, timed to reach the shops in spring 1992. It will reflect many of the ideas in the Hartnell haute couture collection to be unveiled next week, such as the inverted A-line of a tapering, three-quarter length red tweed jacket over short skirt cut with the Parisian panache expected from this design star, who dressed the international "best-dressed" in his days at Dior.











Far left, Victor Edelstein and (main picture) his strapless, slinky dress and matching jacket in embroidered black satin

Far left, Anouska Hempel and (above left) her painter's smock in black velvet and white satin; centre, Marc Bohan with his red tweed jacket and skirt with mock leopard hat; right, Ken Fleetwood at Hardy Amies with his pink tweed suit and shawl-collared coat

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How Rolls-Royce's backroom boys found the limelight

Cream of the teams

A SPECIES of aesthetic Lone Ranger, a solitary style genius on the quest for cool — the Eighties explosion of interest in all things "designed" has established this as the glamorous public image of the designer. But it is misleading, obscuring the fact that many important design innovations are the result of well organised, low-publicity teamwork.

The second Prince Philip prize for the Designer of the Year, which will be awarded by the Duke of Edinburgh at Buckingham Palace tomorrow, recognises the important contribution of collaboration on design projects. While originality and aesthetic quality are at the top of the judges' list, the scheme specifically takes into account not a single product but a whole body of work, and a general contribution to the world of design.

With nominees coming from 11 different organisations, including the Consumers' Association and the Fellowship of Engineering, the scheme covers a far wider range of disciplines than a purely product-based competition, and seeks to highlight the achievements of designers who might otherwise remain invisible. "The prize encourages recognition for the backroom boys of design who may not normally get any glory or publicity for their work," explains Terry Garner of the Design Council's awards office.

THE winner of the award this year is John Cundy, chief design engineer at Rolls-Royce's advanced engineering division in Derby. An employee of the company for 36 years, Mr Cundy joined Rolls-Royce on a university apprenticeship at the age of 18, while studying mechanical engineering at Birmingham university. He now heads a team of 250 engineers from the Derby and Bristol sites and is keen to emphasise the collaborative nature of design engineering at the company. "I'm absolutely delighted for the whole team," he says. "It brings recognition for the quality of our work."

Mr Cundy's most successful design projects with Rolls-Royce include the 1984 Boeing 757 engine RB211-535E4, with improved reliability, fuel saving and low noise developments, which were subsequently applied across the company's civil engine lines. Under his leadership, the design team's experimental work on fan technology has also helped to expand Rolls-Royce's civil aero engine business, and the development of a modified Trent 700 engine for use in the Airbus A330 has attracted 200 orders. The team is currently working on the Trent 800 engine, and is in competition with General Electric and Pratt and Whitney to secure the early Boeing 777 orders.



'We really work very closely. It's simultaneous engineering'
John Cundy

IN COMMON with many designers who work in a large organisation, Mr Cundy must ensure that the research and development carried out by the design team is linked directly to the company's production and marketing efforts. His work on the RB211 engine in the late Sixties was followed by a year as the engineering representative on the sales support team which successfully launched the engine. Mr Cundy praises the current partnership between Rolls-Royce's design teams and its manufacturing engineers. "We really work with each other very closely," he explains. "It's simultaneous engineering."

Mr Cundy's award highlights the invisible but significant "team building" role which many senior designers play. The more individualistic achievements of better-known nominees such as Sir Norman Foster, Jean Muir and David Mellor ensure their consistently high public profile, but the less flamboyant contributions of design-engineers are equally valuable. "This award confirms the fact that we are doing world class work," Mr Cundy says.

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Small screen stars

TV sets are piling on the style and the technology to appeal to every room in the house

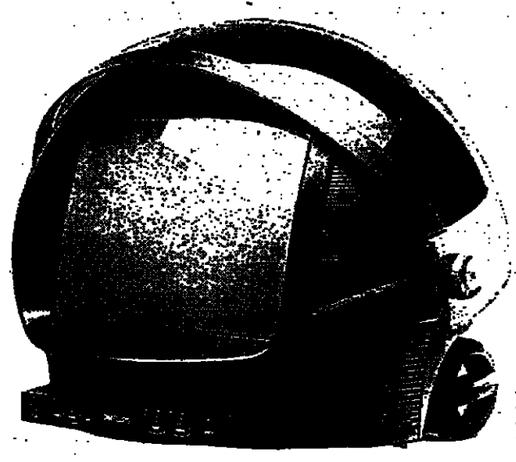
Since most homes in Britain already have at least one television, manufacturers try to increase sales by both upgrading the technology, and offering portable models which they hope will be bought as second or third sets. In this respect Europe lags well behind the United States and Japan, where households with three or four sets are common.

In 1987 the main set in a British household was on average 21in wide. The 37in Mitsubishis in their chest-of-drawer size cabinets seemed of curiosity value only. But 27in and 28in models have grown in popularity since, and bigger screens are now well established.

While the principal television has grown, second or third sets are getting smaller. Panasonic, for example, has recently introduced a 4in liquid crystal display television which, unlike earlier hand-held TVs, offers high quality resolution and sharp colour images. It resembles a mounted colour transparency, and is likely to appeal to gadget-fanciers with £500 to spend.

The new Philips 14in model, the Discoverer, costs half this, in line with other small screen televisions. In 1983, the average cost of a set with a screen of less than 15in was £283. By 1989, this had dropped to £177.

Unlike the technology-conscious 4in Panasonic TC-L4, Philips's Discoverer relies on styling for its appeal. Shaped like a helmet, the bodywork is red with black detail, and it has a detachable black visor to reduce glare. None of its technology is new. It has a remote control wand and manual controls, and a timer to switch off the set after programmable intervals.



Alien force: Philips's helmet-shaped Discoverer television

The Discoverer was launched in Italy and Germany last year, and will eventually sell throughout Europe. The product marketing manager, Nigel Carlow, explains: "Like other manufacturers, Philips is trying to exploit special segments of the second set market. Some are producing televisions specially for the kitchen which fit under wall cupboards. Others, like Hitachi, are making bedroom sets with built-in radio and alarm. But Philips has gone a different route. We are aiming at households where parents are buying second sets not for adults, but for children."

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Sainsbury Wing: On the day that the National Gallery's extension is officially opened by the Queen. **John Russell Taylor** offers a guide to its treasures

Dazzling denouement to this inside story

Ultimately, what counts about any new gallery space is not the outside, but what the outside contains. When the controversy about the outside of the new Sainsbury Wing has died down – as it inevitably will – the emphasis will at last be put where it should be: on the way this vital new facility serves its essential function of showing the gallery's unmatched Early Renaissance Collection to the best advantage.

Let there be no doubt about it, the wing's top-floor galleries are an unmitigated triumph. Placed to the right of Robert Venturi's grand staircase, they are designed to be either what visitors see first as they enter, or last as they leave. Those coming in through the new west entrance will have one art-historical advantage, of approaching the gallery's collections in something like chronological order. Margarito of Arrezzo's *The Virgin and Child Enthroned, with Scenes of the Nativity and the Lives of the Saints*, dating from the 1260s, is the earliest work in the collection, while pictures in the new wing culminate in the extraordinary first decade of the 16th century, which produced several of the gallery's greatest Raphaels and Mantegnas, and Leonardo's *Virgin of the Rocks*. These may be the first thing visitors see, but the design does not make that necessarily so: the principle of choice, even the necessity of choice, is paramount in the new wing's design and its relationship to the older parts.

Visitors are encouraged to dawdle. The design incorporates the odd lesson from Disneyland

The greatest challenge to galleries these days is not just to get people in: art museums have never been so popular. Rather, it is to persuade them that a gallery is a comfortable, enjoyable place to be, a place where they should feel at home and have the right to react, to like and dislike, instead of trudging through unquestioningly, giving Old Masters the sort of indiscriminate reverence accorded by the faithful to the relics of saints.

Freedom of choice is the key here. In the National Gallery as a whole, as well as in this new section, visitors are encouraged to dawdle or sit and contemplate: the hope is that people will come back many times to look at particular sections, rooms, or individual paintings. To that end, the design of the new wing seems to have incorporated the odd lesson from Disneyland.

In the main galleries the rooms are large – frequently too large for the pictures or the people – and are arranged in lengthy vistas, with their doorways all relentlessly lined up, positively inviting one to gallop through with the briefest of glances to left and right. Not so in the new wing. Though there are three ranges of rooms, only the central range offers a vista, closed by Raphael's large and masterly *The Crucified Christ with the Virgin Mary, Saints and Angels*.

In the side ranges of smaller rooms, the doorways are cleverly staggered, so that instead of looking straight towards infinity, the visitor is offered a tantalising pattern of glimpses, inviting further exploration. What is more, the hang (worked out before the architectural plan was finalised), is designed so that comparisons between pictures in adjacent rooms are constantly present. Standing in the doorway between rooms 53 and 54, for instance, one can look backwards and forwards between the two famous panels by Masaccio and Masolino of *Saints Jerome and John the Baptist, Saints Liberius and Matthias*, and Nardo di Cione's much less well-known *Saint John the Baptist with Saint John the Evangelist and Saint James*. This offers, in the most vivid form, genuinely new insights on exactly where the two later artists were coming from, how far they had travelled and, even more interesting, how clearly, for all the differences, Masolino and Masaccio inscribe themselves in an existing tradition.

More interesting and unexpected connections are suggested by the juxtaposition of some early Italian paintings with their contemporaries from Northern schools, something long considered inadmissible. From that it becomes clear that hard-and-fast distinctions between what, say, Antonello da Messina was doing in Italy in a painting such as *Saint Jerome in his Study*, and what Memlinc was doing with the organisation of pictorial space in his closely contemporary *The Virgin and Child with Saints and Donors*, are gross oversimplifications.

Redirecting the spotlight back onto a number of early French paintings gives further pause for thought. They were hitherto exiled in the basement reserve collection by the supposed necessity of hanging all works in one national school together; they clearly did not go with Poussin and Claude and, if placed exclusively by nationality, could not go anywhere else. Some of them, such as the Master of Moulins's *Charlemagne and the Meeting of Saints Joachim and Anne at the Golden Gate*, have benefited enormously from recent cleaning.

Now it is also possible to renew speculation about the origins of the exquisite and mysterious *Wilton Diptych*, which combines imagery suggestive of contemporary Italian painting with Northern techniques, and could be French or even English. There is nothing in existence directly comparable. The juxtaposition of it in this gallery, alongside most of the possible analogues, redramatises its provenance in a most provocative way. Remember that the focal point of two popular books by John Harvey, seeking to establish the reign of Richard II as a sort of Golden Age, was the origin of the Diptych and what it said about English culture at the time.

The delights of the new wing, however, need not be even slightly esoteric. Sometimes its magic works best by isolation rather than by mixing and matching, as in the exquisite end-room devoted to three pictures by Piero della Francesca, *The Baptism of Christ, Saint Michael* and *The Nativity*. Nowhere else in the world can three such comparable works be seen together, and the effect is overwhelming. As, indeed, is that of the whole Early Renaissance Collection, seen now for the first time as a coherent unit within the wider context of the National Gallery as a whole. If London has been inclined to take its National Gallery for granted, casualness and complacency are banished forever by this immaculate lightbox full of incomparable treasures.

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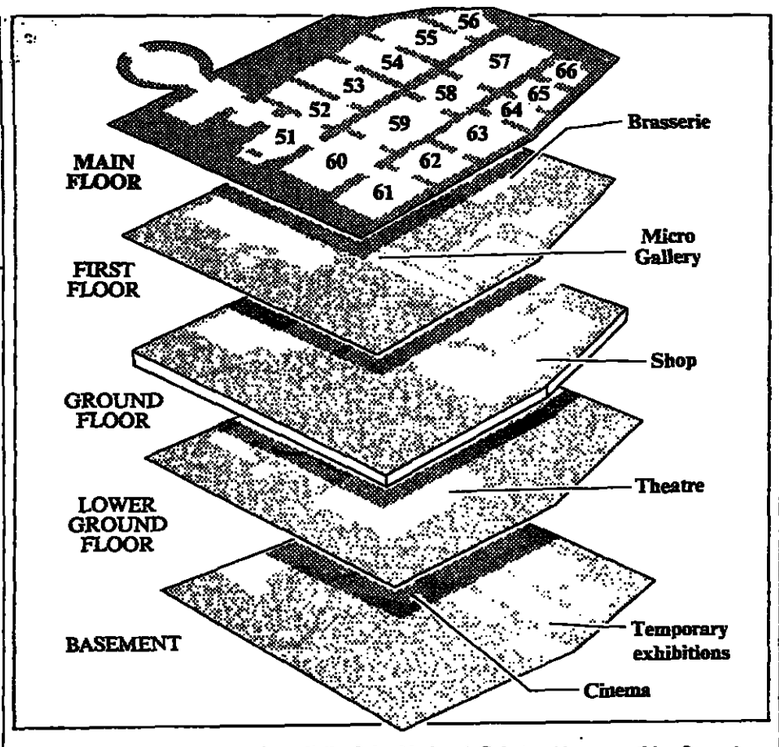
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Private view: a security guard sits before *The Martyrdom of St Sebastian*, by Antonio and Piero Pollaiuolo, in one of the rooms in the National Gallery's new wing

What is where in the new wing

A room-by-room guide to what can be seen in the new Sainsbury Wing. The numbers refer to the plan on the right



51 Leonardo's *Virgin of the Rocks*, with his cartoon of *The Virgin and Child with Saint Anne and Saint John* in a small adjoining room; also the earliest pictures in the collection, starting with Margarito of Arezzo's *Virgin and Child* (1260).

52 More early works, including Duccio's triptych *The Virgin and Child with Saints* and the *Pentecost* attributed to Giotto.

53 Florentine painting of the 14th century, including Jacopo di Cione's *Coronation of the Virgin*. Also *The Wilton Diptych*.

54 Florentine and Sienese paintings, early 15th century, including Masaccio's *Virgin and Child*.

55 Uccello's two masterpieces *Saint George and the Dragon* and *The Battle of San Romano*.

56 Southern Netherlands painting of the 15th century; most famously Jan van Eyck's so-called *Arnolfini Marriage*.

57 Stunning confrontation of Mantegna's *Agony in the Garden* with his brother-in-law Bellini's treatment of the same subject. Also astonishing works by Tura and Crivelli.

58 Botticelli and his followers. The most famous painting here is Botticelli's *Venus and Mars*.

59 Other late 15th-century Florentine painters, including Verrocchio and the Pollaiuolo brothers (*The Martyrdom of Saint Sebastian*).

60 Dominated by Raphael's *Mond Crucifixion* and *Ansidei Madonna*, as well as Lippi's *Virgin and Child with Saints Jerome and Dominic*.

61 Major Venetian artists of the later 15th century; highlights include Titian's portrait *The Doge Leonardo Loredan* and *The Madonna of the Meadow*, and Cima da Conegliano's altarpiece *The Incredulity of Saint Thomas*.

62 Mixed northern schools of the same period, notably Bosch's *Christ Mocked*.

63 15th-century German painting, including Dürer's portrait of his father.

64/5 Italian and Netherlandish painting of the 15th century, bringing together Memlinc's *Donne Triptych* and comparable works by Antonello da Messina, as well as early Bellini and Dieric Bouts's *The Entombment*.

66 Dedicated to Piero della Francesca, containing three of his greatest paintings.

ON THE first floor of the Sainsbury Wing (that is, the floor immediately below the main galleries) is the Micro Gallery: a computer information room that offers a revolutionary "visual encyclopaedia" of the National Gallery's 2,000 paintings, as well as long-term loans such as the Berggruen Collection. The Micro Gallery, which has been sponsored by the American Express Foundation, has 12 work-stations that allow the visitor to access information and images via four different routes: by artist, picture type (such as landscape), historical atlas (for example, Netherlands in the 15th century) or general reference. Visitors can print out a personalised map of the gallery to take them to the paintings they particularly wish to see.

Also on this floor is a brasserie and coffee bar, the latter with a stunning new mural, *Crivelli's Garden*, by the first National Gallery associate artist, Paula Rego. It brings together many of the characters, saintly or otherwise, depicted in the paintings of Carlo Crivelli and his Early Renaissance contemporaries.

The ground floor has the entrance lobby and the gallery shop. Below that is a mezzanine with the Sainsbury Wing Theatre, and below that the basement, which contains the temporary exhibition galleries.

CRITIC'S CHOICE: NATIONAL GALLERY

The Sainsbury Wing is not the only part of the NG that offers a new slant on old masterpieces:

● The latest of the succession of shows in the Sunley Rooms, arranged in 1984 as an exhibition space, is **Guercino in Britain** (until July 31): 27 paintings from British collections fittingly commemorating the 400th anniversary of his birth.

● Most spectacular of the **recent acquisitions**, the *Portrait of Alexander Mornauer* by the 15th-century German Master of the Mornauer Portrait, hangs among the other Early Renaissance pictures in the Sainsbury Wing, but there are other new acquisitions less prominently displayed, such as Eduard Gaertner's *Friedrichsgracht, Berlin* (1850s), tucked away with some Impressionist masterpieces in the basement.

● The preliminary restoration of the grand and gilded **Barry Rooms**, around the octagonal room 36, constituted the first significant moves to restore the whole interior as nearly as possible to its original architectural form. The rooms were designed by Edward Barry in 1876 in an opulent classical style, making a fitting background for 18th-century portraits and 19th-century French Romantics. This year the restoration has been extended, with the sponsorship of Agnew's, to the adjacent room 32.

● In January the **Impressionist Galleries** (rooms 44/46) to the left of the main entrance were restored to their Edwardian form through the generosity of Walter H. Annenberg, former American ambassador.

● A month later, **rooms 7 and 8** were put back to something like their Wilkins proportions, and used to explore the gallery's new concern with hanging without regard to national boundaries. Thus, Tintoretto's *Saint George and the Dragon* now appears in close proximity to works by Elsheimer and El Greco, thereby showing how widespread was Venetian influence in the 16th century.

● This was a prelude to the reopening of the **West Wing galleries**. The Wohl Room (room 9), one of the largest in the gallery, has had all the partitions and ceiling-lowering devices installed in the Sixties removed, so that it makes a splendid setting for the larger Venetian paintings, such as Titian's *Bacchus and Ariadne* and *The Death of Actaeon*, and Veronese's *The Family of Darius before Alexander*. It also gives direct access to the Sainsbury Wing. Room 15 has been completely remodelled as an octagon, bringing together two large Turners and two large Claudes which were important influences on him. This leads to rooms 16/18, remodelled as small cabinet rooms for small Dutch paintings, including the gallery's Vermeers.

● Newest of all is a smaller **gallery shop** to the left of the main entrance (the larger being in the Sainsbury Wing). As a result, the former shop at the top of the main-entrance staircase has been closed, creating an orientation area for the whole gallery.

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CLASSICAL MUSIC

Sunset serenade is more than just a song at twilight

Paul Griffiths at the premiere of Gavin Bryars' saxophone concerto for John Harle

In a note on his piece *The Old Tower of Löbenicht*, which is based on Thomas de Quincey's *The Last Days of Immanuel Kant*, composer Gavin Bryars speaks of De Quincey's "complex relationship to the writing" in a work that purports to be a translation out of the German. A similar complexity is perhaps essential to his own writing, in music whose easeful surface is achieved over and through a tangle of mismatched references and intentions.

His new saxophone concerto, *The Green Ray*, is a case in point. The title alludes to a phenomenon that can under special circumstances be observed at sunset, and it would be easy to interpret this 20-minute adagio as a mood picture, a tranquil leave-taking expressed in long, slow melodic lines for the solo soprano saxophone over the comforting harmonic support of the small orchestra.

But other things are going on as well. Bryars is remembering here a moment when he saw the green ray in southern California. But characteristically entwined with that is an episode from a Jules Verne novel, where the spectacle is described as observed from western Scotland. In both cases there were emotional connotations, to which the music responds in tones of lament: this is where the blues meets the bagpipes.

The elegiac voice is one that Bryars has cultivated in much of his recent music. The elegy is a proposition: something to be accepted casually but then explored with utter seriousness. This is part of the "complex relationship": a disinterest at levels normally thought paramount, and an intensity of intention directed at aspects that conventional aesthetics would think insignificant. This may be why Bryars's superficially bland music, so close to John Adams or even Philip Glass, feels brutally tough underneath.

Demanding constant vivid attention in performance, *The Green Ray* received this in abundance from John Harle and the Bournemouth Sinfonietta under Ivor Bolton in Swanage on Saturday. Harle's cantabile was a wonder: smoothly sustained, beautifully formed in tone and never lazy, conveying the impression that every note had to be exactly where it was for exactly as long as it was. There were also marvels in the accompaniment: breathtaking upswirlings of violin tone, and passages where a solid woodwind block moves with the soloist.

The concert also included an excellently alert account of Haydn's Symphony No 80, in D minor: a particular treat to discover a new Haydn symphony in such an expert performance. The Bournemouth Sinfonietta will record *The Green Ray* along with two other saxophone concertos they have commissioned, from Mike Westbrook and Michael Nyman.

Meanwhile four other Bryars pieces – including *The Old Tower of Löbenicht*, which is an entrancing image of ever-changing stasis relating in some manner to the elderly philosopher's fascination with the view of a monument as focus for his meditations – can be heard on a new record (ECM/New Note 1424) by an astonishing group including Bill Frisell, Roger Heaton and, discreetly, Bryars himself, on double bass. Frisell's plaintive, singing electric guitar is the main banshee voice in *After the Requiem*, with string trio; Heaton takes the clarinet lead in *Allegrasco*, a piece close in manner and feeling to the unsettling twilight world of *The Green Ray*.

Mary Ann Sieghart

Unspoilt regions offer different rewards as they are discovered

Picture a country cottage with roses round the front door, an acre of garden and unbroken views across a remote, unpopulated valley. This is the home of which most people dream, but only a few can have. It is the classic positional good, a phrase first coined by an economist, Fred Hirsch. The paradox of a positional good is that, while many people want it, it loses its value as soon as more than a few people own it. If everybody packed up and moved to the country, there would be no unbroken views left; all those empty valleys would be peppered with newly-built houses.

British residents of Provence are now complaining sourly that Peter Mayle, best-selling author of *A Year in Provence* and its sequel, *Toujours Provence*, is threatening the value of their positional goods. What he praised as a delightfully unspoilt and almost undiscovered part of the country is rapidly being discovered and is apparently on its way to being spoilt. Half a million tourists have flocked to the villages and countryside featured in Mr Mayle's books, and the pilgrimage is none too welcome.

Yet expatriates with holiday homes in Provence (already foreigners make up half the population of the villages in Mr Mayle's books) are glorified tourists themselves. The French might justifiably complain about being overrun by Brits. Think of the uproar if the prettiest Cotswolds villages were bought up by rich Germans, pushing the price of houses beyond the reach of the British. But the French seem not to mind: the influx of tourists is good for the local economy. To them, remoteness has no cachet; it simply means relative poverty.

Expatriates in Provence have not even paid a premium for their seclusion. On the contrary, their houses were remarkably cheap *because* the region was still undiscovered. The fact that the Lubéron area has been so empty until now should be seen as a windfall. They have not paid extra for it.

One friend who recently discovered a wonderful restaurant refused to divulge where it was for fear that it would become popular. But the market cannot be bucked for ever. Too many people love to discover the undiscovered. Guide books spring up to cater for them: lists of charming small hotels and little-known walks that will inevitably end up as less-than-charming, much-extended hotels and rural motorways.

Twenty-five years ago, my parents bought a plot of land on an Algarve clifftop with not another house in sight. The Algarve was as empty then as the west coast of Morocco still is. They built a house, and we had happy holidays there. But they always knew that one day, tourist development would encroach and it would be time to sell.

They also knew, though, that the closer the developments came, the more the value of the house would rise. They valued remoteness and happily put up with the five miles of lurching cart track, the half-hour drive to the nearest town and the lack of mains water and electricity. But most people looking for holiday homes are less adventurous. They want local restaurants and night clubs, beaches on which their children can find others to play with, shops and supermarkets nearby.

The British residents of the Lubéron should be grateful. For years they have enjoyed the tranquility of their locale; now they should take advantage of the inevitable rise in the value of their property that will follow the success of Mr Mayle's books. They can sell up at an inflated price and buy a more remote – and cheaper – farmhouse elsewhere. Mr Mayle may have made a fortune, but they can share in it, too.

Altered states of being down under

Jonathan Clark asks whether Canberra should cut its ties with the Crown

Should Australia become a republic? The pressure is building. A new movement led by Thomas Keneally, the novelist, and backed by writers, lawyers and politicians, was launched on Sunday to persuade Australia to cut its constitutional ties with Britain. Last month, at its centenary conference in Tasmania, the ruling Labor party finally grasped the republican nettle. As a general principle, it has indeed been that party's aspiration for a decade. Now it has committed itself to achieving it by 2001, the centenary of the constitution which created an Australian federation out of a diversity of independent colonies. But should it happen?

John Bannon, the party president, was wise to recognise that the vote betrayed a "lack of enthusiasm" in his party. Australians are probably, by a small margin, in favour of the status quo. Labor has recognised that it is committing itself to a campaign culminating in a referendum; if it goes wrong, the result could be a messy squabble and a constitutional emergency.

Is it worth it? A reform which leaves almost everything as it was would be dearly bought at any price. It might even look like sour grapes, a delayed reaction to the dismissal in 1975 by Sir John Kerr, the governor-general, of the government of Gough Whitlam, the prime minister. The language of class war is alive and well in Australia, and any hint of rule by men in white pith helmets and ostrich feathers makes as many enemies as the Queen's Christmas broadcast makes friends.



Symbol of unity: loyal Australians welcome their Queen in 1954

On the other hand, it might slip through unopposed if the Crown can be made to look irrational or an affront to Australian pride. The symbols which unite states have a real importance: the tricolour or the fleur-de-lis? The trappings of tsardom or the hammer and sickle? But not all trivia are symbolic, and to seek symbols in irrelevancies is a symptom of wishful thinking, not profound realism.

The monarchy made a marvellous point of unity on the British Commonwealth as it came to be defined in the early 20th century. It could mean everything or nothing. It could epitomise the bonds of personal loyalty without political subjection; symbolise ties of kith and kin; provide a neutral rallying point for dozens of races and religions; in an age of war and sacrifice it could speak to ancient principles of military motivation.

Perhaps, today, it means nothing. The British monarchy was sanitised by Walter Bagehot and the late Victorian jurists; henceforth it was valuable chiefly insofar as, like Gilbert and Sullivan's House of Lords, it did nothing in particular and did it very well. As an animating principle for colonial civil servants and domestic politicians alike, *noblesse oblige* was steadily replaced by bourgeois guilt, and bourgeois guilt is more acceptable as a common currency where republic speaks to republic.

The monarchy as a defining principle of union is inconclusive. Like federalism, it could mean a closer or a weaker association. The New Union of Crowns which tied Scotland and England in 1603 was a valuable formula which led to the still closer union of 1707. But when Americans asserted in the early 1770s that Westminster had no authority in the colonies and that their allegiance was to the Crown only, such a tactic was only a prelude to independence.

So it may be here. A union of Britain and Australia in the person of the monarch has become no union at all, but a piece of diplomatic politeness to soothe consciences offended by profound change. If those changes have already happened, nothing will be essentially different if some individual from the ranks of the Australian establishment assumes the title of president rather than governor-general.

This may help us face the less comfortable truth that the only secure basis for international relations is enlightened self-interest. Or it may remind us that what look like minor, sensible constitutional reforms can have explosive and unnecessary consequences. But which? Before we tinker with the British constitution we should watch closely that cloud, no bigger than a man's hand, which has appeared on the horizon of Australia.

No place to hide with us

England's Irish community may sing rebel songs but does not back the IRA's crimes says Walter Ellis

JULIAN HERBERT



Turning over the traces: IRA activists operating in Britain are skilled professionals who do not need the help of ordinary families to escape the police search

There is a belief in this country, still surprisingly widespread, that the Irish community in Britain is fundamentally a republican fifth column, whose backdoors are forever left on the latch in case "the boys" should need somewhere to go. It is a myth which the revelations of the Birmingham Six, the Guildford Four and – most poignantly – the Maguire Seven have begun to dispel, but somehow lingers on much as the image of the Irish working man as a thick-jawed simpleton, with tight curly hair and sideburns, survives in political cartoons.

The prosaic but reassuring truth is that, while most southern Irish people in Britain are romantically attached to the idea of a united Ireland, they regard Ulster Protestants as more alien than the English and have no desire to be involved in the IRA's campaign to coerce them into the "Free State". Nor do they wish to be hauled in for interrogation, knowing how the Irish have been treated in the past.

It follows that there is no complex network of safehouses, lived in by fellow-travellers and supporters. There is no maze of narrow streets, where the whisper has gone out: "The Brits are coming; look out for the lads."

The anti-terrorist squad at Scotland Yard knows this only too well, and the escape from Brixton prison on Sunday of IRA suspects Pearse McAuley and Nessan Quinlivan was not followed by raids on the predominantly Irish sections of Kilburn and Kentish Town, or anywhere else. Police did knock on the doors of those whom they knew had visited the escaped duo in Brixton, or otherwise had close connections with them, but they did not turn over the Irish community in general.

According to the myth, the two escaped prisoners would simply have legged it to Kilburn and been put up in an attic, where they would have been fed with Guinness and Dublin coddle. The reality is that they were almost certainly directed by a republican "help line" to an anonymous address – it could be in St John's Wood or Greenwich or Brent Cross – and to a key hidden under a wall or beneath a flower pot. No one would be living there. That way it would be genuinely safe. No one would be aware of their presence. There would be food, fresh clothes and beer in the fridge. They would simply enter, close the door and retreat from the world.

This thesis is certainly borne out by past events. The Clapham bomb factory, discovered by accident in 1988, yielded evidence not of a community of Behanesque sympathisers but a plethora of lock-ups, garages and unoccupied flats. From its location in cosmopolitan Northcote Road, the "factory" was headquarters to a network. But it was not an Irish house. It was owned by a Miss Christine Kellaris, who had rented it out on a purely commercial basis. Miss Kellaris's sister, Lesley, met the two men who stayed there and described them as "very pleasant ... with no hint of malice".

Most IRA men are not caught at all. When the going gets hot, they invariably retreat, either to Ireland, the Continent or, sometimes, to the United States. The many failed extradition cases which have so outraged the government are themselves evidence of the failure of the British police to find their men and hold on to them. One republican, Sean O'Callaghan, only gave himself up in 1988 when he feared execution by his former comrades as an informer.

In the case of the 1975 Balcombe Street siege, the breakthough leading to the capture of a dangerous gang occurred by chance when a police constable on the beat in London's Mayfair noticed what he thought was the butt of a rifle in a car containing four men. The investigations which followed the siege produced evidence of at least three other teams and a number of safe houses, but at least four men escaped, either to London or the Low Countries.

Notions of an Irish "murphia", digging roads by day and singing rebel songs by night, are not entirely false, of course. There are certainly bars in parts of London in which on Sunday lunchtime there would have been conspiratorial cackles between red-faced men in donkey jackets as the news came of the Brixton imbroglio. "Ho, ho," one can hear them say. "Sure yer men made proper eejits out of the coppers right enough." Yet the idea that these are the ones to whom the IRA would turn in time of trouble is far-fetched. On the contrary, IRA volunteers moving to England are advised to keep away from their fellow countrymen, who are believed to be heavily infiltrated by the Special Branch.

The Provisional IRA is a professional organisation of dedicated political criminals. It has little time for romantic idealising, as exemplified in drunken songs. Instead, it recruits young men, and women of proven conviction who are willing to risk their lives in return for the future establishment of a 32-county republic. Its volunteers, in Ireland, in Britain and on the Continent do not lead glamorous lives and they do not expect to be loved or succoured by their compatriots in Britain.

The Irish community in Britain has been established for centuries. It began, for the most part, with impoverished people moving across to England in search of work, and this, with variations, remains the trend. It is not just the unskilled who leave. The Irish Republic and, to an extent, Northern Ireland, produce large numbers of well-educated school-leavers and graduates for whom there are simply not enough good jobs at home. Once here many Irish immigrants stay, marry and bring up their families. Vincent Maguire, one of the Maguire Seven spoke of his outrage, as an Englishman, at being suspected of a crime against his country.

Father Denis Cormican, of the Irish Centre in Camden Town, north London, believes that the reaction of most Irish people in England to the Brixton affair would be: "How on earth could this have happened? Were these two not supposed to be maximum security?" Such people's response to the arrival on their doorstep of an IRA gunman would, he says, be horror. "They have no wish to be involved in this at all. It would probably not even be a talking point in the pubs. We are talking here about less than 1 per cent of the Irish community – that's all. The IRA knows that it cannot shoot its way out of prison and then come into the community and find safe havens. That is not on."

...and moreover

Craig Brown

When is a problem A Problem? With so many television documentaries being made about so many problems, I must warn you that it is only a matter of time before the problem they latch on to is yours.

Let me explain. I was strolling along the street quite merrily when I heard a well-known voice in my right ear. I stepped up my pace – after all, who wants a well-known voice in their right ear? – but the commentary continued.

"This is the tale of one man. Let's call him Craig," the voice, caring, concerned, sympathetic, said. It suddenly dawned that he was talking about me. "To the outside world", the voice continued, "he appears relatively normal. But Craig was born different from the rest of us. Craig was born with a problem that has grown worse with each passing year. The story of Craig's plight may shock you. It may upset you. But it cannot help but move you..."

I now recognised the voice. It was Desmond Wilcox. Have you ever had Desmond Wilcox's full range of sympathy in your ear? It is an unsettling experience. Not daring to look back, I carried on walking as if nothing had happened.

"Observe, if you will, his shoelaces. From an early age, Craig has been unable to do up his shoelaces properly. Now in his thirties, he finds that they come undone four or five times a day. But now, friends say, Craig is beyond caring. To him, one shoelace is much like another. He lives, they add, brushing away their tears, in A World Of His Own."

As he enunciated this last phrase, stirring theme music filled the air. In front of me, floating over my head, were large letters: "nwO siH fO dlroW A". To my horror, I realised that I had become the subject of a Wilcox documentary, and that my head was duly encircled with its title.

The music died down, to make way for the voice of Wilcox. "These days", it said, "Craig lives in what can only be described as a Living Hell. In this twilight world, his shoelaces are always loose. Again and again, he bends down to re-tie them with a faraway look in his eyes. How did it come to this? How did our society – which prides itself on its compassion – allow poor Craig to reach such a pitiful state? This is a tale of betrayal. Of the betrayal by our society, by us all, of one human being."

I could take it no more. I turned around smartly. There was Wilcox with a camera crew, two soundmen holding microphones on sticks and three women with clipboards, all of them sporting the most intensely concerned expressions. "Excuse me," I said, "but there is nothing wrong with me, nothing at all."

Wilcox looked at me sympathetically before turning to the camera. "And perhaps the saddest aspect of this already tragic story is that the victim himself continues to believe that, in his own words: 'There is nothing wrong with me. Nothing at all'. It is a condition doctors will recognise at once, a pitiful slide into reclusiveness. A condition called Television Documentary Avoidance Syndrome, the near certainty of a documentary subject – against all evidence – that their own special case does not merit attention."

"But you do not understand!" I retorted.

"Words to haunt us all", commentated Wilcox, "for Craig is, in a very real sense, someone crying out for our love. But is it too late?"

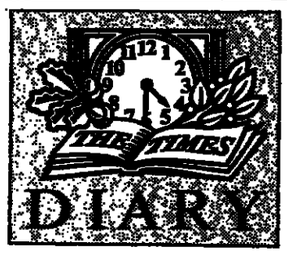
"But I just have a bit of trouble with my shoelaces! I admit, they are always coming undone, but surely that does not make me *odd*?" I pleaded.

"We never, never, *ever* call *anyone* odd", replied Mr Wilcox, "and I would not feel able to call myself a professional broadcaster if we did. No, you are not odd, Craig, not odd at all. Relax."

He then turned towards the camera, adding: "And with that cry from the heart, a cry asking all us so-called 'normal' people to take him on his own terms, Craig begs to be accepted into everyday society, a society well able to tie its own shoelaces, a society which has closed the door on people, like Craig, who simply cannot cope."

I now find that I am in a BBC television series alongside a woman who has trouble defrosting her fridge, a man who bites his nails, a teenager who occasionally gets a bit bored and a businessman who keeps losing his umbrella. And the awful news is, Desmond tells me that you are next.

Out and about



Statistics suggest that the two IRA suspects who broke out of Brixton jail will be swiftly back behind bars. The average period of liberty following such a jail break is a matter of days rather than weeks, Home Office figures show. Yet there is a substantial minority somewhere out there who have eluded recapture over a sustained period of time.

Of the 224 convicts who escaped last year, 44 are still at large. At the end of 1988 there were 210 convicts who had escaped over the past eight years still on the run. More than 50 were dangerous men who fled from high security prisons. A sizeable number – perhaps as many as 60 or 70 – have been enjoying their stolen freedom for more than a decade.

Strangely, the Home Office does not seem over-keen to recapture them. Yesterday it was unable to say who had been on the run the longest, and declined to offer a list of those who were still being sought. Ronnie Biggs and George Blake are well-known, as is James Moody, who has been at large for 11 years since burrowing out of Brixton police station. So, too, is Nikolaus Chrastny, allegedly a member of Britain's biggest cocaine network, who has not been seen since he sawed through a bar in his cell window in Dewsbury in October 1987. He thoughtfully telephoned the police afterwards to "apologise for any inconvenience caused".

But life is grim for those who spend years evading recapture, says Laurie Taylor, the sociologist. "Those who stay on the run for a long time are always looking over their shoulder. It is impossible to relax and can be a pathetic existence." One who found it so was Vic Buck, who after 17 years on the run walked up to the gate of Nottingham prison and gave himself up in May 1988.

Those organising the hunt for the IRA suspects should never discount the most obvious options. Richard Smith escaped from Dungavel open prison, Lanarkshire, in July 1988. He went home to his wife, put on his slippers, poured himself a beer and waited for nine weeks before the police thought of calling.

● *Part of the act of the Macdonalds circus clown involves a broken down old car, which coughs and splutters its way around the big top. When the circus arrived in Winterborne, Dorset, last week, disaster struck. The car tooks its image too seriously – it broke down altogether. The RAC was summoned and the ensuing brief must have been one of the strangest in motoring history: "Can you fix my car, but not too much, please?"*

Green gang

Within hours of John Major's first keynote speech on the environment yesterday it emerged that Mrs Thatcher may again be about to upstage him. She has been asked by senior sources at the United Nations to act as an official adviser to the "earth summit" in Brazil next June, which Major suggested he hopes to attend. Mrs Thatcher is expected to accept the job, the first official appointment she will have taken up since resigning as prime minister.

A common strand between prime ministers past and present was provided yesterday by Sir Crispin Tickell, Britain's former ambassador to the UN. Credited with galvanising Mrs Thatcher on green issues, he also advised the prime minister on his green speech. Other significant contributions came from Tom Burke, brought in from the Green Alliance by Michael Heseltine, and from Chris Patten. The jokes about Billy Bunter's relentless consumerism, however, were proudly said to be all Major's own work.

Flying success

The Gulf war may have been won thanks to the superior technology of the allies. But for the first time the whole truth can be told: critical to the military success was the role of six budgerigars, which yesterday returned to Gibraltar as war heroes.

Like canaries down a pit, they were used as part of HMS Manchester's chemical protection system. "Despite our dependence on



electronics, animals are still more reliable," says a Navy spokesman. "The St George's Flight, as they were known, served with great distinction under the leadership of Captain Joey." The budgies were awarded the ship's gallantry medal before being piped ashore, where they were welcomed back by the children of St George's service school, from whose aviary they had been press-ganged.

Artful merger

Sir Colin Cole, the Garter King, and the College of Arms are preparing for a busy summer, with the imminent army regimental mergers. For every newly merged regiment there must be new cap badges, standards, guidons and colours. It will fall to Sir Colin and the college to vet designs for heraldic propriety. "The badges must be distinctive and unique," says a spokesman. "They should maintain the dignity of the regiment."

One of the college's team of artists will then paint a four-inch-square watercolour of the badge, which will be dispatched to the Queen for approval. "The process is normally quite smooth," says Colonel Jacobs from the army dress committee, which works closely with the college on such matters. "Her Majesty has yet to send a device back to the drawing board. But things can get a bit delayed if she is up at Balmoral."

● *The era of beer and sandwiches did not quite return when John Major met a trade union delegation yesterday, the first to be invited inside 10 Downing Street in more than a decade. For a start, the hour dictated coffee and biscuits, instead. But Lord Murray, the former TUC general secretary who led the last such delegation in October 1980, says his successors did not miss much. Under both Harold Wilson and Jim Callaghan the sandwiches, invariably cheese and pickle on white sliced bread, were awful. 'The bread curled up at the edges because it had sat on the plate for so long.' Hence the saying: "Only here for the beer"?*

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PENALTIES NOT AGENCIES

John Major's speech at *The Sunday Times* environment conference yesterday picks up the environmentalist baton with which his predecessor had started to run. His sentiments were impeccable. He defended the government's environmental record and committed it to publish an assessment of progress on the 352 recommendations set out in last September's white paper *This Common Inheritance*.

He urged (mostly on others) an attack on global warming and on the destruction of the rain forests. He avoided the trap of giving government a monopoly in pollution control, pointing out the scope for corporate and individual action. None of this is original nor was it passionately expressed but it represents the essence of Majorism: sound, sensible, sustainable.

This sound stuff is likely to be lost in the attention devoted to his single new proposal. The government has decided to set up a new environment agency. It will bring together Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Pollution, and some or all of the functions of the National Rivers Authority. The government is minded to add local authority functions for the monitoring of waste. The principle of subsidiarity, which Mr Major has been warming to recently, still does not stop his government transferring functions from local government to the centre at every opportunity.

The suspicion must be that Mr Major is playing at politics, as Chris Patten did in publishing his famously wishy-washy white paper after Treasury neutering. The Labour party is already committed to an "environmental protection executive". By coincidence, Ann Taylor, the Labour spokeswoman on the environment, was publishing her Fabian pamphlet on the subject on the very day Mr Major was speaking. For this politically aware prime minister, and his equally political environment secretary, the temptation was obvious, the U-turn a worthwhile price.

Ministers who once argued with force that the two watchdog bodies should be kept separate are now insisting on their essential unity. The separation of the pollution inspectorate's powers over emissions and the river authority's over the water that carries them away is artificial. Both bodies are recent creations. The first in 1987 was a product of industry's concern at the plethora of controlling bodies: the industrial air pollution inspectorate, the radioactive substances inspectorate, the waste inspectorate and the water inspectorate. The second, in 1989, was a response to fears that water privatisation would damage the environment. In principle there is no good reason to keep the two bodies apart.

In practice there must be worries that the plants are being repotted before their roots are established. Half of the national rivers authority, for example, is in the middle of a move to Bristol. With the move, with a new chief executive to replace Dr John Bowman who recently resigned, and now with an amalgamation, how can it be expected to concentrate on the job in hand?

Real headway against pollution will not come from more regulation, a field in which Britain, by common consent, already leads the world. It will come from the steadfast application of anti-pollution ideals to a market context. At present, the authorities may charge only for administrative costs. For example, the rivers authority can charge for the cost of issuing a discharge licence. Incentive charging would allow the polluter to be charged for exceeding certain emission limits. But in government eyes, this must wait. The Chancellor, Norman Lamont, ducked at the last minute a Budget proposal that would have abolished petrol tax and increased fuel tax, to cut car use and exhaust pollution.

Sooner or later, the polluter must pay. The prime minister agrees with that. But in reality that means the consumer must pay. There are fewer votes there. Until the election is over, Mr Major's sound thoughts will father few deeds.

BANKING ON FREEDOM

In Cameroon, an aspiring businessman faces a two-year trek through 20 different government offices before he accumulates the 24 permits he needs to start trading legally. In each office, underpaid civil servants have to be "persuaded" to complete the papers. The scope for corruption is immense. In such circumstances, locals resort to the black market and foreign investors stay away.

This case of destructive state intervention is drawn from the latest *World Development Report*, the World Bank's most ambitious attempt yet to analyse the results of 40 years in the lending business and to define policies for successful development. The Bank is adamant that the market cannot do everything. In attracting funds and putting them to good use the quality of government makes the crucial difference.

In some developing countries, notably in South-east Asia, average incomes have risen five-fold in the past 40 years, more rapidly than in the industrialised world at an equivalent stage in its development. But in a quarter of these countries, many of them in sub-Saharan Africa, people are worse off now than they were in 1965. All had to contend with the same international economic environment.

The Bank does not conclude that state intervention is necessarily impoverishing. Indeed, this report insists that most governments need to intervene more aggressively in such areas as primary schools. Trouble comes when the state supplants competitive markets instead of encouraging them, controlling production and licensing industry, managing prices and manipulating trade.

In the 1990s foreign capital, whether as aid or investment, is going to be harder to come by, the Bank says. To compete successfully for capital, governments will need to create a "market-friendly" environment. Traditionally, that has meant investing in physical infrastructure, such as roads and telecommunications. The value of this report is its insistence that "infrastructure" means much more than that.

First, governments need to invest far more heavily in "human capital" to create a healthy and well-educated work-force — and less in their armed forces. Second, the right "infrastructure" must include political security: law and order, respect for civil rights, an independent judiciary and clear property rights. Political conditionality has come of age. The Bank decisively rejects the fallacy that poor countries cannot afford democracy. From Haiti to Burma and Eastern Europe, "dictatorships have proven disastrous for development". On the contrary, the report says, political checks and balances, a free press and open debate not only "keep predatory behaviour in check" but give the public a stake in reforms.

The Bank is preaching to more of the converted than at any time in its history. Whether out of necessity or conviction the 1980s, often described as the "lost decade" for development, produced a remarkable conversion to domestic deregulation, free trade policies and democracy across the Third World. Ironically, protectionism has simultaneously grown in the industrialised world, and now costs Third World producers $55 billion a year, as much as they receive in development aid.

Previously protectionist governments are saying, as Brazil's agriculture minister yesterday told a meeting of the Cairns Group of farm exporters in Manaus, that "our peoples need justice in the form of the free market more than aid". The West is putting the global trade system at risk. Its agricultural policies are as market-distorting as any Cameroonian licensing system. Above all else, next week's Western economic summit must unblock the Uruguay Round of trade talks. That would be the greatest encouragement the West could give to Third World reform.

SAINSBURY'S SUCCESS

The finest new art gallery in Europe opens today in Trafalgar Square, fine in its architecture, fine in its contents. The new Sainsbury wing of the National Gallery suggests that the longer a decision is left the better the outcome is likely to be. Bumbledom can be thanked for prevaricating over the future of the vacant Hampton's site for a full 32 years, until a patron as generous and inspired as the Sainsbury family appeared on the scene. The Royal Opera might tear a leaf from the same book as it wrestles to rescue its spatchcock proposals in Covent Garden.

What is remarkable about the new building is how near it came to being awful. A cheeseparing government originally insisted that a new gallery be cross-subsidised by offices on the site. Michael Heseltine, as environment secretary in 1981, launched a competition for such a development, which yielded a disappointing array of finalists. The winner, however, might have gone ahead had it not been for the Prince of Wales' famous "carbuncle" remark. In 1984, a nervous government refused planning permission and a year later the Sainsburys stepped forward to pay for a gallery and nothing but. The selection of Robert Venturi by the Sainsburys was equally controversial, but they stuck to it, through every rise in cost.

They and the public have been rewarded with a building remarkable for its humility towards its context, for its sense of humour and for its magnificent interior spaces. These last are a masterpiece of neo-classicism, to house one of the world's great collections of Renaissance paintings. Rooms flow from grandeur to intimacy, displaying the Wilton Diptych, Jan van Eyck's so-called Arnolfini Marriage, the three great Piero della Francescas (in a room on their own) and paintings by Duccio, Cima, Leonardo, Raphael, Bellini and the northern Renaissance masters.

The past year has been a splendid one for housing the arts in Britain. The Courtauld has moved to Somerset House, the Sackler galleries have opened at the Royal Academy, the Tate has opened in the north and been rehung in the south. The South Kensington museums have been revitalised. New concert halls have opened in Birmingham and Glasgow, new opera houses announced for Glyndebourne, Compton Verney and Cardiff. Leeds is to get the Royal Armouries.

All this enterprise has been mostly the result of a creative partnership between the public sector and private patronage. The Sainsbury gift is more in the American than the British tradition: a benign mix of vast fortune, philanthropic ambition and personal good taste on the part of the benefactor. Credit too should go to the National Gallery chairman, Lord Rothschild, and his team for steering a delicate path between patron, architect and curator. But to ascribe to private patronage a lead role in art sponsorship does not mean that it has to be an exclusive one. The joy of this gallery lies essentially in the paintings to which it gives room, art whose preservation is the product of public and private custodianship over hundreds of years. The glory of the Sainsbury wing is a monument to both.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Case for an NHS abortion review

From Dame Josephine Barnes and others

Sir, Early medical, in addition to surgical, abortion is now to be available to women in this country (report, July 4). The Medicines Control Agency has issued a licence enabling RU486, the "abortion pill", to take its place among the treatments authorised for abortion and controlled under the amended Abortion Act (1967).

The advent of RU486 is welcome, widening as it does the range of options open to women in the management of pregnancy. Choice has been extended for women in Britain as it has been for those in France, but this is only a first step.

Two of the most developed countries in the world have now accepted the principle of medical termination of pregnancy. There should be no barrier to this treatment not only in Europe but also in the rest of the world. The World Health Organisation estimates that in the developing world over 200,000 women every year die needlessly as a result of unsafe abortions.

In the National Health Service in England and Wales, for example, only 21 per cent of all abortions are performed within the first nine weeks of pregnancy because of the lengthy procedures which are found necessary in some health authority areas.

The introduction of early medical abortion, which can be used only up until the 63rd day if it is to be fully effective, provides the NHS with an exceptional opportunity. It now becomes necessary for the NHS to review its referral procedures so as to provide a fully comprehensive abortion service.

Yours faithfully,
JOSEPHINE BARNES,
TESSA BLACKSTONE,
HARRIET HARMAN,
VERA HOUGHTON,
ANNE McLAREN,
EMMA NICHOLSON,
JANET RADCLIFFE RICHARDS,
MARY WARNOCK,
Birth Control Trust,
27-35 Mortimer Street, W1.

Break-up of education 'monolith'

From the General Secretary of the Society of Education Officers

Sir, The prime minister has announced yet more changes in the maintained education system which is still trying to cope with the major upheaval brought about by the Education Reform Act 1988 (report, July 4). In particular, he refers to the need to break up "the monolith" of that education system.

At present, the education service in England, Wales and Northern Ireland is the responsibility of 113 local education authorities and five education and library boards, each of which endeavours to take into account local needs as well as national ones.

Three years ago the rich variety of services provided by those individual authorities was reduced by the Education Reform Act which transferred to the secretary of state for education and science over 300 powers to control the service.

The government's recent white paper, *Education and Training for the 21st Century*, proposes a system of national control of colleges of further education with accountability to the secretary of state rather than to individual LEAs.

When the prime minister refers to the need to break up "the monolith" does he mean the system of almost 120 varieties provided through the LEAs? Or does he mean the rapidly expanding central government system under the sole control of his secretary of state?

Yours faithfully,
DENNIS HATFIELD,
General Secretary,
Society of Education Officers,
20 Bedford Way, WC1.
July 4.

From Professor J. H. Horlock, FRS, FEng

Sir, The current arguments about the establishment of more city technical colleges (CTCs) mainly relate to the proportion of public expenditure that should be allocated to them. But I wish to question the educational argument for a separate sector of school education related primarily to science and technology at a relatively early school age.

I was a member of Sir Monty Finniston's committee of enquiry into the engineering profession which reported in 1980. We emphasised strongly that an appreciation of engineering methods should be introduced into school education.

However, we never at any time recommended that technical education should be separated off for a special stream. Rather, we wished to see a broad education, embracing the arts, science and the German *technik* (the skill of designing and making artefacts) as a continuing theme throughout the school curriculum.

May I therefore press for a reconsideration of the educational arguments for the CTCs? It is the general appreciation of arts, science and *technik* that we need in teaching in our schools, not an early division of our children into separate teaching streams.

Yours faithfully,
J. H. HORLOCK,
2 The Avenue, Ampthill, Bedford.

From Mr Trevor Mound

Sir, Thank goodness that scholars as eminent as Sir Randolph Quirk and Professor Stein still seek to defend standard English against the excesses of the trendy educational establishment (July 4). May I offer an observation on the teaching of English based on experience abroad?

Until recently, I worked for three years in France where I met hundreds of students from British universities spending the third year of their degree courses as assistants in French schools. Their pronunciation and grammar were near faultless — in French. In English they fell down badly in both: had their French been as poor they would have had no hope of a degree.

I could only conclude that teachers of English were less competent than teachers of French, that they lacked enthusiasm or that they did not dare to correct their students for fear of being dubbed "classist". As I read the letter from Sir Randolph and Professor Stein, the third reason would appear to be the most likely.

Yours faithfully,
TREVOR MOUND,
8 Beaufort East, Bath, Avon.
July 6.

The good side of timeshare

From Mr Peter Purdon

Sir, I have read with much approval Paul Wilkinson's reports (July 1, 2, 3) on the unacceptable methods of marketing timeshare. Such pressure selling without a cooling-off period is both reprehensible and commercially juvenile. However, it would be wrong to conclude that everything about timeshare is unsatisfactory.

Ownership of weeks at timeshare resorts in the UK, in Europe, and beyond, gives great pleasure to many thousands of families who continue to enjoy luxurious accommodation in beautiful locations.

These owners are concerned through their elected owners' committees to maintain the high standards perceived when making their purchase. My association, TATOC (The Association of Timeshare Owners Committees) which provides a forum for chairmen of such committees to meet and share best practices, includes resorts throughout the UK where a cooling-off period has existed voluntarily for many years.

We agree that legislation to control timeshare excesses is an urgent need, and we support all the efforts to achieve this. It is right that Paul Wilkinson should highlight the bad and the ugly, but for a balanced view there should also be reference to the good.

Yours faithfully,
PETER PURDON (Chairman),
The Association of Timeshare Owners Committees,
32 Curzon Mews,
Wilmslow, Cheshire.
July 3.

The law's delays

From Mr Tom Benyon

Sir, One of the aims of the Lord Chancellor's law reform was to speed up the processes of the courts. However, I am in the process of seeking to terminate a lease of a flat for non-payment of rent and my solicitor has just told me that court orders are taking up to five months to process.

Now I know that a wayward tenant can live rent-free for up to six months any property of mine will not be for letting again.

Yours faithfully,
TOM BENYON,
The Old Rectory,
Adstock, Buckinghamshire.

Heated question

From Dr David Secher

Sir, The Wimbledon final "was played in a Centre Court temperature of 104°F in the sun . . ." (report, July 8). In O-level physics, temperatures measured in the sun were meaningless, because a dark object absorbed more of the sun's radiant energy than a light one. Thus a black thermometer recorded a higher temperature than a silver one; and a ball boy had a higher temperature than a (white-shirted) player, at least at the start of the match.

Is there now a standard thermometer for readings in the sun? And why do Bedouin wear black cloaks?

Yours faithfully,
DAVID SECHER,
Gonville and Caius College,
Cambridge.
July 8.

The army's role

From Major-General D. H. Braggins

Sir, I agree with Charles Ramsay (July 3) that any adjustment in the size and shape of the army should be preceded by a fundamental review of commitments and likely threats (with an added sensible provision for the unexpected). But it would be a very serious mistake to rescale in favour of combat arms, as he suggests, at the expense of supporting arms and services.

It is a fundamental principle that to be effective a force must be balanced. It is pointless to commit troops without the resources to supply them with food, fuel and ammunition and the ability to maintain them in the field. If this lesson had not been learned from previous campaigns its importance should have become apparent from experience gained in the Falklands and the Gulf.

Reliance on territorial and reservist manpower, important as this is as a supplement, is no substitute for trained and immediately available regular units. The crew of a tank transporter, for example, is at least as highly trained as the crew of the tank that it carries.

Much has been said recently about the regimental system, but pride in tradition and cap badge is not confined to the so-called combat arms. The logistic services share the same sensibilities and some of them have a longer history than many famous infantry and cavalry regiments.

The Royal Corps of Transport traces its history back through the Royal Army Service Corps to the Royal Waggoners and in 1799 ranked in the Army List as a mounted corps after the 29th Dragoons.

Yours faithfully,
DEREK BRAGGINS,
Blue Ball, Payhembury,
Nr Honiton, Devon.
July 3.

From General Sir Charles Huxtable

Sir, If reports that the infantry is to be reduced to 34 British battalions, with an additional two Gurkha battalions of limited use, are true then it is evident that no proper, practical consideration has been given to the tasks they have to undertake every day throughout the year in "peacetime".

Regular battalions can be augmented by Territorial Army battalions in time of grave national emergency but in circumstances that fall short of that, the regulars have to cope on their own.

Whilst we shall clearly have fewer battalions stationed in Germany, the tasks for the infantry both at home, including Northern Ireland, and around the world show little sign of diminishing. In the past it has proved impossible to match the Army Board's aim of a two-year interval between emergency tours for the infantry. With fewer battalions available and similar commitments that interval will never be achieved whatever the mathematicians may claim.

If peace showed signs of breaking out everywhere rather than tensions rising throughout Europe, the Middle East, the Far East and in Northern Ireland, then it might be time to take a chance on the size of the army. As it is, a reduction of the size proposed will leave us with an army that is incapable of fulfilling our needs in peace, is not trained for the sort of emergencies we have witnessed twice in the last ten years and is unbalanced if called upon to fight a high-intensity campaign in Europe or elsewhere.

Yours faithfully,
CHARLES HUXTABLE,
The Army and Navy Club,
36 Pall Mall, SW1.
July 2.

From the Colonel, The King's Own Scottish Borderers

Sir, The Scottish Division has a proven manning record (invariably one of the strongest divisions of infantry against its establishment), an ability to make cost-effective use of its recruiting effort by low loss in training (9 per cent below the infantry average), and a low premature retirement rate combined with high retention and extension of engagements. All this shows that the division can continue to be viable as presently constituted in spite of the downward demographic trend in the recruit target population.

Scotland provides more soldiers per head of population than any other part of the United Kingdom (currently 11 per cent of the army from a region which has 9 per cent of the UK population). The disproportionate rise in unemployment in Scotland and the fall in numbers of job opportunities for school leavers will continue to provide the market needed from which to draw recruits.

To reduce the Scottish Division's ability to do so in the present climate of unemployment, with the penalty of moving into a situation of continuing overstretch, cannot be the right road to a smaller but better army.

Yours sincerely,
COLIN MATTINGLEY,
Regimental Headquarters,
The King's Own Scottish Borderers,
The Barracks,
Berwick-upon-Tweed,
Northumberland.
July 3.

Lifetime pacifist

From Mr William Hetherington

Sir, Your obituary (June 28) states that the late Lord MacLeod of Fuinary "became a pacifist in the second (world war)". In fact, George MacLeod was elected a sponsor of the Peace Pledge Union in September 1937, two years before that war, because already "his pacifist work was well known". Indeed, he was described as "Scotland's Dick Sheppard", because of his charismatic combination of popular broadcasting and pacifism.

It is also misleading to suggest that Lord MacLeod's campaigning for nuclear disarmament came "after" his pacifism. It was but one expression of his pacifism, which he maintained unequivocally for well over 50 years, and last reaffirmed in a letter to the PPU within weeks of his death.

Yours sincerely,
WILLIAM HETHERINGTON
(Honorary historian and archivist),
Peace Pledge Union,
Dick Sheppard House,
6 Endsleigh Street, WC1.
June 28.

Safety on the river

From Sir Andrew Gilchrist

Sir, Chest waders (Mrs Shaw's letter, June 30): my father saw a man drown in the river Annan in 1907 or thereby, and in due course I was made to promise never to wear such equipment. I know little about wet suits, but I note that the Spey gillies now wear inflatable waistcoats.

But the Spey is a cunning and dangerous place to fish. Even with two wet-suits and three inflatable waistcoats, if you fall into the river, you cannot escape the risk that (in the words of an old gillie) "she will roll you over and over until the breath is beaten out of your body".

The only sure way to save an annual toll of life in the Highlands is quite simple — close Ben Nevis to climbers and the Spey to anglers.

Yours faithfully,
ANDREW GILCHRIST,
Arthur's Crag,
Hazelbank, By Lanark.

From Mr R. A. Barnett

Sir, Breast-waders are *no* hazard, always provided that they are loose-fitting and that they will at once fill with water if one gets out of one's depth; once full of water they are nearly as easy to swim in as bathing trunks.

I know, because in breast-waders I have twice had to "swim for it" — once in the Spey. Having reached the shore, there can be a minor difficulty about standing up because of the weight of the water then in the waders, but this can be overcome by lying on one's back and raising each leg in turn to let the water run out.

Perish the thought of a wet-suit in hot weather. At most, an inflatable "Mae West" lifebelt is a sufficient precaution.

Yours faithfully,
R. A. BARNETT,
Lincoln Hill,
Humshaugh, Hexham,
Northumberland.
June 29.

Vanishing chips?

From Mr S. J. Lawson

Sir, Mr Conrad Voss-Bark (July 3) will find chips in abundance up here in Lancashire; the problem is finding a decent newspaper from which to eat them.

Yours faithfully,
S. J. LAWSON,
As from: 94 Hamilton Road,
Garswood, Lancashire.
July 3.

Well versed

From Mr Patrick Howarth

Sir, In the same issue of *The Times* (July 5) your literary editor states that "there's no money in poetry", and your golfing correspondent reports that Mr Sandy Stephen, a golfer of modest merit, has received a boost of £12,000 from Scottish Life Assurance.

While delighting in Mr Stephen's good fortune, I venture to suggest that banks, insurance companies and other powerful bodies might from time to time consider sponsoring individual poets as well as sportsmen.

This might be a more worthwhile exercise than supporting one of the numerous festivals of the arts. In return there would be a clear obligation on the poet and his or her descendants to place their accounts, policies and other business with the sponsoring body. Dedications and the writing of *vers d'occasion* might also be expected, as they were by the older type of individual patron.

Yours faithfully,
PATRICK HOWARTH,
Flat 2, Pencarrow,
The Avenue,
Sherborne, Dorset.
July 5.

Hong Kong's future

From Sir Alfred Sherman

Sir, Sir Horace Phillips (July 5) repeats the old discredited Establishment apologetic for handing over a free prosperous community of six million British subjects to a primitive, vengeful and irrational communist despotism, no better than Stalin's or Hitler's, without the slightest measure of prior consultation.

His assertion that "without the New Territories, the island and Kowloon cannot exist" has no basis in fact. His sole argument, Hong Kong's dependence on the New Territories and adjoining districts of China "for water, fruit and vegetables, and meat and poultry" shows how small-minded our Establishment really is.

Any Hong-Konger could have told him that this prosperous island could have bought its meat and vegetables on the world market, where millions of producers would be only too happy to provide them, and that the water problem could have been solved at a cost far lower than that of submission to a barbarous regime which has wreaked havoc on the mainland. It would be precisely China which would suffer the loss of its unique market for water and fresh produce.

The tragedy is that the people of Hong Kong were not consulted, nor indeed were those of us whose opinions were different from those of our give-away mandarins. So while we applaud the liberation of central Europe from the Russian communist empire, we prepare at some cost to hand Hong Kong over to a similar fate.

Is it too late to change our minds and defend human rights in Hong Kong? Surely we owe something to people who gave so much loyalty. Remember, the 1984 declaration was not a treaty and is not binding.

Yours,
ALFRED SHERMAN,
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July 5.

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COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
July 8: The Duke of Edinburgh, Patron, visited Hunstanton Golf Club, Norfolk.

Mr Brian McGrath was in attendance.

CLARENCE HOUSE
July 8: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother was present this evening at a Gala Performance of *Tosca* at the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, in aid of the Royal Opera House Trust.

The Lady Grimthorpe and Sir Alastair Aird were in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
July 8: The Prince of Wales, Honorary Air Commodore, Royal Air Force Brawdy, presented The Prince of Wales's Trophy for 1991 to Flight Lieutenant Steve Davis, RAF.

The Prince of Wales, and The Princess of Wales, Patron London Symphony Chorus, attended a concert at the Royal Albert Hall, SW7.

Miss Anne Beckwith-Smith, Mr Peter Westmacott and Mr Richard Arbiter were in attendance.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE
July 8: Princess Alexandra, Chancellor, this afternoon presided at congregations for the conferment of Degrees and Honorary Degrees at Lancaster University.

The Lady Mary Mumford was in attendance.

The King of Morocco celebrates his birthday today.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr J.N. Clark
and Miss L.C.S. Corney

The engagement is announced between John, elder son of Mr and Mrs George Clark, of Rowlands Gill, Tyne and Wear, and Lucy, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Anthony Corney, of Churchill, near Bristol.

Mr P.J. Crichton-Stuart
and Lady Rowena Meade

The engagement is announced between Patrick James, son of the late Patrick Crichton-Stuart and of Mrs Patrick Crichton-Stuart, and Rowena, eldest daughter of The Earl and Countess of Clanwilliam.

Mr C.C.A. Leigh Pemberton
and Miss C.C. Lawman

The engagement is announced between Christopher, son of Mr and Mrs Adam Leigh Pemberton, of Parsons Green, London, and Camilla, younger daughter of Mr David Lawman and the late Mrs Lawman, of Belgravia, London.

Mr C.W. McKeon
and Miss J. Howe

The engagement is announced between Crauford, younger son of Mr and Mrs Leonard McKeon, of Hameau de Sauve Clare, Flayosc, France, and Jane, youngest daughter of Air Vice-Marshal and Mrs John Howe, of Rackheath, Norwich.

Dr G.J. Milne
and Miss A.L. Turner

The engagement is announced between Gordon James, son of Mr and Mrs J.A. Milne, of Up Hatherley, Cheltenham, and Alison Louise, daughter of Mr and Mrs W. Turner, of Bilston, Wolverhampton.

Mr A.E. Searle
and Dr C.M.H. Ramage

The engagement is announced between Adam, son of Mr and Mrs E. A. G. Searle, of Copthorne, Sussex, and Christina, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs J.C. Ramage, of Coventry.

Dr M.C. Walker
and Miss C.I. Richards

The engagement is announced between Matthew, son of Mr Ronald Walker, QC, and Mrs Walker, of Barnes, London, and Charlotte, daughter of Mr and Mrs Colin Richards, of Cyncoed, Cardiff.

Today's royal engagements

The Queen will open the Sainsbury Wing of the National Gallery at 11.45.

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh will give a garden party at Buckingham Palace at 4.00. The Prince and Princess of Wales will attend.

The Duke of Edinburgh, as President of the Royal Agricultural Society of the Commonwealth, will present certificates of honorary fellowship at Buckingham Palace at 10.45; as master, will attend the quarterly court at Trinity House at 11.30; and, as an Honorary Member and Past President of the Helicopter Club of Great Britain, will attend a 25th anniversary dinner at Merchant Taylors' Hall at 7.15.

Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother will attend a reception given by the Canada Memorial Foundation at the Canadian High Commissioner's residence at 6.30.

The Prince of Wales, as Patron of the Community Enterprise Awards Scheme, will present the awards at the Royal Institute of British Architects at 11.00.

The Princess Royal, as President of the Rural Housing Trust, will attend the annual meeeting at 35 Belgravia Square at 2.00.

Princess Margaret, as President of the Royal Ballet, will attend a performance by the Royal Ballet School at the Holland Park Open Air Theatre at 7.55.

The Duchess of Gloucester, as Patron of Baby Life Support Systems, will attend a reception for the Skean Dhu Ball at the Savoy Hotel at 7.20.

The Duchess of Kent, as Patron of the Choir Schools' Association, will attend the St Paul's Cathedral Choir School Foundation's annual concert in St Paul's Cathedral at 7.10.

Princess Alexandra, as chancellor, will preside at ceremonies for the conferment of degrees at Lancaster University at 11.30.

Marriages

Mr O.C.E. van M. Backhouse
and Miss C. Ridsdill Smith

The marriage took place on Saturday, July 6, at St Mary's, Swaffham Bulbeck, between Mr Oliver Charles Edward van Millingen Backhouse, youngest son of Dr and Mrs Charles Backhouse, of West Horsley, Surrey, and Miss Camilla Ridsdill Smith, daughter of Dr and Mrs Patrick Ridsdill Smith, of Swaffham Bulbeck, Cambridgeshire. Canon Perceval Hayman (cousin of the bridegroom) officiated.

The bride, who was given away by her father, was attended by Miss Tania Swift, Miss Jessica Raby, Miss Nicola Maskell, Olivia Fraser, Catriona Towriss and Tom and James Fisher. Mr Justin Weir was best man.

The reception was held at the home of the bride and the honeymoon is being spent in Indonesia.

Mr R.G. Thurlow
and Miss F.C. Wedderburn

The marriage took place on Friday, July 5, 1991, at St Andrew's Cathedral, Dundee, of Mr Richard Thurlow, son of Mr and Mrs Arthur Thurlow, of Godalming, Surrey, to Miss Frances Wedderburn, daughter of Mr and Mrs Andrew Wedderburn, of Mountquhanie, Cupar, Fife. Father Kenneth McBride officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Miss Gabrielle Wedderburn, Miss Shona Gibson, Annabel and Louisa Mitchell, and Asia Turner-Bridger. Mr Jonathan Legard was best man.

The reception was held at Mountquhanie and the honeymoon will be spent in Brazil.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Ann Radcliffe, novelist, London, 1764; Henry Hallam, historian, Windsor, 1777; Ottorino Respighi, composer, Bologna, Italy, 1879.

DEATHS: Stephen Langton, archbishop of Canterbury 1207-28, Slindon, Sussex, 1228; Jan van Eyck, painter, Bruges, 1441; Edmund Burke, statesman, Beaconsfield, Buckinghamshire, 1797; Washington Allston, painter, Cambridgeport, Massachusetts, 1843; Zachary Taylor, 12th president of the USA 1819-50, Washington, 1850; King Gillette, inventor of the safety razor, Los Angeles, 1932; Barbara Woodhouse, animal trainer, 1988.

Nature notes



BARN OWL

BARN owls are nesting in ruins or in isolated hollow trees. The young stay in the nest for many weeks: they have two successive coats of down before their feathers grow, and traces of down cling to their feathers long after they have flown. Their presence is often betrayed by the snoring noise they make in the nest.

Many smaller birds have finished nesting and their songs are dying away. A few last blackbirds and song thrushes are singing vigorously, and most of the finches can still be heard; but the noisiest singers just now are the wrens.

The flowers of high summer are coming out in great numbers after the rain. Lime-trees are covered with fragrant blossom, and in the hedges there are sparkling white rosettes on the dogwood bushes. On grassy roadsides, the yellow ladders of melilot mingle with hop trefoil, whose flowers look like tiny brown hops when they die. In stony places there are primrose-coloured patches of biting stonecrop; in woodland glades there are creeping clumps of yellow pimpernel.

Painted lady butterflies have come up from the Mediterranean: they fly in sweeping zigzags along the lanes, then settle on a sunny patch of ground and fan their white-streaked orange wings.

DJM

OBITUARIES

HOWARD NEMEROV

Howard Nemerov, poet laureate of the United States from 1988 to 1990, died of cancer at his home in St Louis, Missouri, on July 5 aged 71. He was born in New York on March 1, 1920.



BESIDES being one of the most distinctive poetic voices of his generation in his own country, Howard Nemerov was also an accomplished and intelligent novelist and a perceptive critic. He had retired as a professor at Washington University, St Louis, only last year. Any of these activities might, taken singly, have amounted to a career of distinction. But it is his poetry which gives him his particular place in contemporary American letters.

In a period in American poetry which produced figures more spectacular, more memorable in their manner of living — and dying — than himself the life and work of Howard Nemerov provided a focus of lucid urbanity which often recalled the poets of an older generation. The rage of Sexton and Plath, the hysteria of Lowell or the verbal high jinks of the Beats are missing from Nemerov. So, too, are their not infrequent explosions of emotional power. Nemerov always kept his undoubted potentialities under civilised restraint. There were dangers in this. His poems, relatively conservative and formalist with their adherence to rhyme and metre and a vocabulary drawn from wide reading in the world's literatures, are manifestly those of an academic. Yet they do not smell of the study. Though he settled in academia — and served it well — Nemerov was very far from being a man of cloistered life (he flew as a fighter pilot in the second world war). His restraint as a writer consisted rather of a determination not to let the horrors of existence overwhelm his poetic matter, as they had done the matter — and the lives — of Sexton, Plath and Lowell.

Howard Nemerov was born into a Jewish family. His father, David Russek Nemerov, was owner and chairman of Russek's Fifth Avenue, a clothing retailer. One of his sisters was the photographer Diana Arbus who committed suicide in 1971. Nemerov went to school in the Bronx and afterwards took a degree at Harvard. After graduating he decided not to join the family business. War had come — to Britain and her dominions if not to the United States — and he volunteered for the Royal Canadian Air Force in which he trained as a fighter pilot. Coming to Britain with an RCAF squadron, he flew 57 missions before America entered the war and in 1942 he transferred to the United States Army Air Force. With the US 8th Air Force he flew fighter-bomber sorties until the end of the war.

Surprisingly little of this experience with its potent ingredients of drama and conflict found its way immediately into his subsequent output of poetry. Returning home after the war, he embarked on an outwardly unruffled academic career, teaching English at a number of colleges and universities and spending the year 1962 as writer in residence at Hollins College, Virginia, before going to Washington University, St Louis, in 1969 as Fannie Hurst professor of creative literature. He was subsequently appointed as Edward Mallinckrodt distinguished university professor at the university, retiring in 1990 but continuing as distinguished poet in residence.

From the later 1940s onwards successive volumes of verse revealed a poet of considerable potential in a manner which was at a conscious remove from the headier verse of more "exciting" practitioners of the period. Sometimes, when he lapsed into passages of somewhat measured, old-fashioned sounding verse which appeared to be the slave of, rather than the reason for, his use of rhyme and metre, it appeared he was having difficulty finding the right manner to match his generally philosophical thought. Nemerov's strengths (and weaknesses) are summed up in his *Collected Poems* of 1977. These proclaim him, whatever their occasional shortcomings, a poet of stature.

Nemerov can also be considered in his own right as a novelist, and not merely as a poet who wrote the odd novel. His first, *Federigo, or the Power of Love* (1954), is also his best known. With the *Doppelgänger* theme which was to become his characteristic it observes Greenwich village life with sardonic wit and detachment. *The Homecoming Game* (1957), a novel about a college campus crisis arising out of a professor's bold decision to fail the football team's star in his history exams, was made into a film, *Tall Story*, in 1960. Though it starred Jane Fonda and Anthony Perkins the film version did little justice to the complexities of Nemerov's original. *Journal of the Fictive Life* (1965) defied classification as either novel or autobiography. It was, refreshingly, *not* a novel about writing a novel; considered either as fiction or as a series of personal sketches it was replete with the kind of reflection and speculation so dear to Nemerov's mental make-up. These qualities were often displayed in his criticism, never better than in *Figures of Thought: Speculations on the Meaning of Poetry and other Essays* which appeared in 1978.

Nemerov was awarded the Pulitzer prize for poetry in 1978 and the National Medal of Arts in 1987. He held the poet laureateship of the United States — though honorific, a prestigious and salaried position — for two years from 1988. He was the third occupant of the post which was created by Congress only in 1985.

Nemerov leaves his widow, Margaret, and three sons.

CYNTHIA LONGFIELD

Cynthia E. Longfield, entomologist, died on June 27 at Cloyne, Co Cork, aged 94. She was born on August 16, 1896.



CYNTHIA Longfield was an outstanding authority on dragonflies and an intrepid traveller. In 1924, she joined the St George scientific expedition to the Pacific. The expedition, to Coiba, Cocos Island, the Galápagos, the Marquesas, the Tuamotu Achipelago and Tahiti, was a forerunner of many others which she made to remote parts of the world. She travelled much in Africa, including the Congo and Angola.

With her tidy, good clothes and plucked eyebrows, she looked as if she was about to open a rather smart village fete, but her real self would be revealed by such remarks as: "I find machetes *so* useful in the jungle, don't you?" Once when searching for dragonflies in the Chaco, a largely unexplored and disputed region, she met the Paraguayan army on its way to invade Bolivia. She surprised the Bolivians by telling them what was in store for them. Cynthia Longfield's adventurous travelling led to important scientific results.

The journeys were followed by months of painstaking study at the Natural History Museum, London, where she was an honorary associate. Her work led to the description of new species and the publication of papers which give a deeper understanding of the taxonomy of dragonflies, notably of difficult genera such as *Orthetrum* and *Ceriagrion*. While working at the British Museum, she was always willing to drop what she was doing and help other students of dragonflies. She was characteristically generous. She would guide them through the intricacies of taxonomy and give sound practical advice. She had a great influence on those young research workers on dragonflies whom she encouraged. She also enabled a much wider public to delight in these ancient and beautiful creatures and, in so doing, laid a firm base for conservation work.

Her book, *The Dragonflies of the British Isles*, which was published in 1937, was the first popular book on the order. It led to an increasing correspondence with observers throughout the United Kingdom and Ireland and enabled her to record the distribution of British dragonflies far more accurately than had been done before. In 1960, she shared the authorship of *Dragonflies* in the New Naturalist Series with two of her younger colleagues. It was particularly fitting that later she was made the first honorary member of the British Dragonfly Society.

Cynthia Longfield was a much valued member of the council of the Royal Entomological Society of London, and was for a time its vice-president. As a war-time firefighter, she on one occasion probably saved the Museum, where she worked, from destruction.

ANDREW BURN

Andrew Robert ("Robin") Burn, historian and classicist, died in Oxford on June 17 aged 88. He was born on September 25, 1902.

ANDREW Burn caught the spirit of Greece around 700 BC in *World of Hesiod* (1936) at a time when archaeologists were only beginning to explore that particular era. Their stunning discoveries since then have done nothing to make the book less readable today.

To list all Burn's works would be tedious but two others should be singled out. *World of Hesiod* was followed, after an interval, by *The Lyrical Age of Greece* (1960) and *Persia and the Greeks* (1962). Together they make up a history of archaic Greece which far outshines compilations like the *Cambridge Ancient History* or the *Oxford History of the Classical World*. It is a picture of Greece (at once condensed and chronologically expanded in his *Pelican History of Greece*, 1966) drawn by one man, steeped in the literature but always alive to archaeological developments as they came along and radiating a love and understanding of the people and the countryside. He walked and talked tirelessly and never shut his eyes or his ears, thus acquiring perceptions of modern politics and society as acute as those he formed of antiquity.

Burn was educated at Uppingham School and Christ Church, Oxford. His tutor, the formidable R. H. Dundas, was wont to boast that he had had four great pupils, Stanley Robinson, R. H. Beaumont, Humfrey Payne — and Burn. Dundas was a man of impeccable judgement.

After Oxford Burn returned to Uppingham to teach until he found himself entramelled by an administrative network that led him through the British Council (in Athens 1940-41) to the intelligence service (1941-44) to the embassy in Athens (as Second Secretary, 1944-46). In none of these posts did he wave the Union Jack from a patriotic hill-top but in all he served the cause of Greek freedom in a way that was recognised by the Greek government when it awarded him the Silver Cross of the Order of the Phoenix.

When he returned to this country in 1946 he went to Glasgow University, first as lecturer then as reader. He was more a man of the book, learned or popular, than of the scholarly article but there, too, his contribution was considerable, most notably in an early essay (in *JHS* 1935) in which he addresses the vital question of how an early Greek, without benefit of an annual system of dating, could arrive at a coherent chronology for his past.

After his retirement from Glasgow in 1969 he moved to Oxford and was regularly seen at meetings or classes around the place where his knowledge and shrewdness (not without a touch of mischief) always gave delight. With old age came increasing frailness and difficulty of movement but, thanks to the devotion of his wife, Mary, whom he married in 1938 and who survives him, he still contrived to appear and charm both young and old.



JOHN JERWOOD

John Jerwood, pearl merchant and educational benefactor, died in New York on June 23 aged 72. He was born in Cambridge on September 17, 1918.

JOHN Jerwood was a highly successful pearl merchant who, over a period of 30 years, dedicated much of his time and no small part of his fortune to serving education. He established the Jerwood Foundation and in recent years continued to extend the range of its benefactions across the educational spectrum.

He inaugurated and subsidised an annual professorial exchange between Sheffield and Hitotsubashi universities, his foundation funded the National Youth Chamber Orchestra, and he promoted a series of young master chess congresses which attracted competitors from all over the world, including the Soviet Union, to Oakham, his old school.

Finally, in 1989, he established the Jerwood Award, involving an annual prize of £150,000 for innovation by an institution or an individual in "the theory and practice of education." Through this award it was Jerwood's especial wish to improve the morale of the teaching profession which, as a non-graduate himself, he held in high regard.

John Jerwood made his home in Tokyo and established a business in cultured pearls after serving during the second world war as an infantry officer with the 1st Battalion, King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry, winning an MC in Italy in 1943. In ten years the business expanded into five continents.

Jerwood's initial benefactions to Oakham were devoted to improving the school's buildings and general amenities, but over the years he shifted the focus of his giving towards the pursuit of academic excellence and the funding of a whole series of substantial scholarships.

Although a skilled financier and merchant, Jerwood's personality was far removed from that of the typical single-minded businessman. Modest, courteous, cultured and cosmopolitan, he spoke several languages including Japanese, and managed to bridge the gap between the cultural and thought processes of the Far East and Europe.

He is survived by his Japanese wife, daughter of the Japanese consul in Paris at the time of their marriage and a loyal supporter of Jerwood's philanthropic interests; there were no children of the marriage.

Battle of Britain Thanksgiving Service

The Ministry of Defence announces that the Battle of Britain service of thanksgiving and rededication will be held in Westminster Abbey at 11.00 am on Sunday, September 15, 1991.

Applications for tickets, accompanied by a stamped self-addressed envelope, should reach the Ministry of Defence, PId(Cer) (RAF), Room 344, Adastral House, Theobalds Road, London, WC1X 8RU, by not later than August 9, 1991. Applications received after this date may be unsuccessful. If the demand for tickets proves excessive, it may be necessary to restrict issue to a maximum of two per applicant.

To assist with seating in the Abbey, applicants are requested to state which of the following categories is appropriate: ex-Battle of Britain aircrew; relatives of aircrew who lost their lives in the battle; past or present members of the Royal Air Force and its Reserve Forces; members of the general public.

Tickets and a note on dress and timings for the occasion will be issued two or three weeks before the service. Applications are not to be made to Westminster Abbey.

Royal Marines pass-out parade

The following Royal Marines young officers were passed out for duty by the Commandant General Royal Marines, Lieutenant General Sir H. Y. la R. Beverley on June 28 at the Commando Training Centre Royal Marines, Lympstone, Devon:

2Lts R W Bennett, M C Bestwick, M R Bray, A G Carey, M A Geldard, P Joyce, S T Lloyd, S B R Lovering, A F J Mann, S H McLaughlin, M E Porter (sword of honour), J W Pressly, G S Sharp, R J B Storrie.

Appointments in the Forces

Royal Navy

CAPTAIN: S Moore – Fearless in Cmd 18.12.91.

COMMANDER: M D Booth – Scylla in Cmd 17.12.91; J Fishwick – CSS Fastlane 22.10.91; J M H Harries – Staff of FOFS 12.7.91; R E Livery – MoD Bath 20.8.91; C L McClement – MoD London 8.11.91; A J Norton – Staff of FOFS 20.12.91; M P N Sessions – Exchange Australia 14.2.91; J R Skinar – MoD London 6.12.91; A S Trentham – Invincible 17.1.92; D A Wines – MoD London 30.7.91; J C L Wotton – Southampton in Cmd 7.1.92.

SURGEON COMMANDER: M MacLeod – RNH Gibraltar 8.11.91.

SURGEON COMMANDER (D): J G Iles – Collingwood 7.1.92.

CHAPLAIN G M Walsh – Fearless 26.8.91.

Retirement

COMMANDER: A J T Eddison – 16.9.91; P R Close – 21.9.91; J F Tuckett – 14.9.91.

The Army

BRIGADIER: W E Shackell – To be Comd 29 Engr Bde HQ & Sig Tp. 8.7.91.

COLONEL: M Ewens – T be SSQ COD Bicester. 12.7.91.

LIEUTENANT COLONELS: D W Miles RA – T HQ BAOR/HQ BRSC. 10.7.91; L J C Anderson LI – MoD. 8.7.91; A F Flower REME – To be CO 124 Recovery Coy (V). 8.7.91; N G W Lang RA – To RCDS. 8.7.91; N C P Lewis LI – To BMATT Zimbabwe. 11.7.91; M H Lipscomb RE – To MoD 8.97.91; T E O'Donnell RAPC – To be Regt PMR RPO Leicester. 8.7.91; M Robertson RACnD – To be Sen Chas n.o. Scotland. 10.7.91; R H Smitherman RE – To MoD. 8.7.91.

Retirement

COLONEL: D W Fox, late AAC. 10.7.91

Royal Air Force

GROUP CAPTAIN: B M Cottam – To RAF Coll Cranwell 5 July 91; T M Webb – To RAF PMC Innsworth 5 Jul 91; I M Stewart – To MoD (CVE) 5 Jul 91; A R Thompson – To HQ RAFSC 5 Jul 91; A G Shaw – To HQ RAFSC 5 July 91; P A Crawford – To MoD (CVE) 12 Jul 1991; C Davison – To RAF Swinderby 12 July 91.

WING COMMANDER: E J Thornton – To MoD (CVE) 1 Jul 91; R A Sergeant – To Cottesmore 12 Jul 91; M P Westwood – To Benson 12 Jul 91; A H G Dyer-Pretty – To HQSTC 15 Jul 91; F D Jensen – to LOG EST MACD 1 Jul 91; R J Stephens – To HQSTC 8 Jul 91.

Appointments

The following senior appointments in the police service have been announced:

Mr David Williams, deputy chief constable, to be Chief Constable of Surrey, with immediate effect.

Mr David Wilmot, deputy chief constable, to be Chief Constable of Greater Manchester Police, with immediate effect.

Mr Malcom Schroeder, chief superintendent, to be Assistant Chief Constable (management support), Merseyside, with immediate effect.

Mr Barry Bancroft, assistant chief constable, to be Deputy Chief Constable of Northumbria, with immediate effect.

Other appointments include:

Mr James Boutwood to be Chairman of the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings. **Ms Gillian Darley** to be vice-chairman.

Memorial service

Sir Andrew Wheatley

A memorial service for Sir Andrew Wheatley was held yesterday in the Chapel of St Cross Hospital, Winchester. Canon A.C.B. Deedes, Master of St Cross, officiated, assisted by the Rev Michael Joint. Mr Robert Wheatley and Mr John Wheatley, sons, read the lessons. Mr James Eaton-Evans, brother-in-law, gave an address.

Calouste Sarkis Gulbenkian

To mark the 36th anniversary of the death of Mr Calouste Sarkis Gulbenkian, a memorial service will be held at the Armenian Church of St Sarkis, Iverna Gardens, London, W8, on Sunday, July 14, at noon, after the celebration of the Divine Liturgy which will commence at 11.00 am.

Birthdays today

Viscount Ashbrook, 86; Mr Peter Balfour, former chairman, Charterhouse, 70; Sir Phillip Bridges, former Chief Justice of The Gambia, 69; Dame Barbara Cartland, authoress, 90; Mr Ben De Haan, jockey, 32; Mr Richard Demarco, watercolourist, 61; Sir George Edwards, OM, former chairman, BAC, 83; Mr Eric Halladay, rector, Grey College, Durham University, 61; Mr Edward Heath, MP, 75; Mr John Heath-Stubbs, poet, 73; Mr David Hockney, artist, 54; Dame Jill Knight, MP, 64; Sir Lionel Lamb, diplomat, 91.

Lord Lovat, 80; Mr Ian Mikardo, former MP, 83; Lord St Oswald, 72; Professor A. Veryan Stephens, aeronautical engineer, 83; Air Marshal Sir John Sutton, 59; Mr Justice Tucker, 61; General J.H. Wahlström, former international leader, Salvation Army, 73; Mr Michael Williams, actor, 56; Mr Richard Wilson, actor 55.

Dinners

HM Government

Mr Michael Forsyth, Minister of State at the Scottish Office, was host last night at a dinner given by Her Majesty's Government at Edinburgh Castle to mark a visit by an Australian Commonwealth parliamentary delegation.

Coningsby Club

The Hon William Waldegrave, Secretary of State for Health, was the guest of honour at the annual dinner of the Coningsby Club held last night at the Army and Navy Club after the annual meeting.

Inter-Parliamentary Union

Dr Michael Clark, MP, Chairman of the British Group of the Inter-Parliamentary Union, was host at a dinner held last night at the Athenaeum Hotel in honour of a parliamentary delegation from Greece led by Mr Lazaros Efraimoglou.

Horticulture

Flower show debut for Marks & Spencer

By ALAN TOOGOOD, HORTICULTURE CORRESPONDENT

MARKS & Spencer and the Royal National Rose Society will be exhibiting at the second Hampton Court international flower show, which opens to the public on Thursday.

Making its debut as horticultural exhibitors, Marks & Spencer is staging a large exhibit in one of the main marquees, which is intended to represent a spectrum of life styles, from garden and kitchen to potting shed, orangery and patio.

The RNRS will be staging the British Rose Festival in another marquee, comprising trade exhibits and, on Saturday and Sunday, the competitive classes of the national southern show. Many new roses will be launched, including "Paul McCartney" and "Lloyd's of London".

The emphasis of the Hampton Court show, which is being officially opened tomorrow, the private charity preview day, by Princess Michael of Kent, is on a family day out but will cater for horticultural enthusiasts, with seven flower and plant marquees, more than 30 landscaped gardens, an extensive aquatics section, scientific and educational exhibits (including British Rail Lineside Conservation, and the National Council for the Conservation of Plants and Gardens) and garden equipment and sundries.

The marquee exhibits will range from exotic displays, including tropical plants and orchids from Malaysia, through all the popular summer flowers to hardy plants, including some of our National Collections such as Japanese maples.

The outside gardens vary from formal bedding planted by Hampton Court Palace Gardens, to several water-gardens and one celebrating "the year of the maze". The railway garden (so popular last year) is appropriate for a show sponsored by British Rail's Network South-East.

Several gardens have been designed to interest elderly and disabled people, including a garden for the blind and partially sighted, sponsored by Action for Blind People; a retirement garden from Help the Aged; and a garden of the senses, sponsored by Bentalls.

The show will be open from July 11-14, from 10.00am to 7.30pm, closing at 6.30pm on Sunday.

Luncheon

HM Government

Sir Richard Vincent, Chief of the Defence Staff, was host at a luncheon given by Her Majesty's Government yesterday at Admiralty House in honour of General Tan Sri Hashim Mohd Ali, Chief of the Malaysian Defence Force.

British Academy

The British Academy held its eighty-ninth annual meeting on July 4. Dr A. J. P. Kenny was re-elected president. Also elected were Dr E. A. Wrigley, treasurer; Professor J. B. Trapp, foreign secretary; and Professor D. E. Luscombe, publications secretary.

But for you who obey me, says the Lord, my saving power will rise on you like the sun, and bring healing like the sun's rays.
Malachi 4:2

BIRTHS

BALDWIN - On July 6th, to Elizabeth (née Brown) and David, a daughter, Joanna Ruth, a sister for Matthew.

COLEMAN - On July 1st, at the Portland Hospital, to Rodney and Caroline, a daughter, Abigail Hope, a sister for Alexandra.

CORDY-REDDEN - On June 28th, to Charlotte and Paul, a daughter, Virginia Pinovola.

CRAIGIE - On Sunday July 7th to Emma (née Rose Mogg) and David (né Brooks), a daughter, Maud.

DODDS - On July 5th 1991, to Victoria (née Henderson) and David, a son, William, a brother for Christopher.

HEITMAN - On July 2nd, at the Portland Hospital, to Eloisa and Norbert, a daughter, Carolina Maria.

HENDERSON - On July 5th to Diana (née Pugh) and Gavin, a son, Rory Stuart Laidlaw, a brother for Oliver.

HUTCHINS - On July 6th 1991, to Denby (née Lambert) and David, a son Joshua James, a cousin for Timothy in Australia.

JERVOISE - On July 6th, at St. Thomas' Hospital, London, to Sara (née Scamell), and John, a daughter, Emily Constance.

LEWIS - On July 2nd, to Claire (née Pendry) and Simon, a daughter, Olivia Rose, a sister for Thomas.

MELTON - On July 6th 1991, at The Princess Anne Wing, R.U.H., Bath, to Ann (née Sumner) and Steven, a daughter, Emily Beatrice, a sister for Alice.

O'RIORDAN - On July 6th, to Jane (née Hamerton) and John, a daughter (Isabel Lucy).

ROWLAND - On July 3rd, to Claire (née Kay) and Conrad, a daughter, Victoria Briony Louise.

SALMAN - On July 2nd, at the Portland Hospital, to Sami and Salwa, a son, Tarek and a daughter, Karma.

SANT - On July 6th, at the Portland Hospital, to Carolyn (née Pike) and Anthony, a son, James Joshua.

SASHA - On July 4th, at the Portland Hospital, to Linda and Helmi, a daughter.

SHERLOCK - On July 5th 1991, at Stirling Royal Infirmary, to Sarah (née Howard) and Charles, a son, Patrick John Howard.

SNOWDEN - On July 4th to Peggy and John, a son, Frederick James Albert.

SPENSLEY - On June 26th, at Levallois, to Alison (née Alexander) and Graham, a daughter, Olivia Helen MacLaren.

STRONG - On July 8th, to Sarah (née Fangley) and Michael, a son, Theodore Martin Arthur, a brother for Lucy.

SWORD - On July 6th, to Lindsay (née Preston) and Andrew, a fine son, Alexander Donald, a brother for Robert.

TURNER - On July 2nd, 1991, to Patrizia (née Fusco) and Paul, a daughter, Gabriella.

WILLIAMSON - On July 5th, at Kingston Hospital, to Judith (née Woollacroft) and Jerold, a son, Benjamin Gerald.

WILLS - On July 4th, to Katie and Christopher, a son.

WINTER - On July 4th 1991, to Elizabeth (née Keen) and Tony, a daughter, Rose Elizabeth.

WYATT - On June 25th, to Eric and Victoria (née Gardner) a daughter, Alexandra Victoria Anastasia.

SILVER ANNIVERSARIES

DARROW:PRICE - On July 9th 1966 at St. Peter's, Broadstairs, Kent, Paul to Janet Lees.

DIAMOND ANNIVERSARIES

MURRAY:DOWSON - On July 9th, 1931 Col. Adair (Tory) Murray, late R.E. to Enid Mary (Mollie) Dowson. Now in Winchester.

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARIES

ELDER:SMITH - On July 9th 1941, at Danbury Parish Church, Essex, Peter McAllister Elder to Margaret Muriel Smith. Now at Dervaig, Isle of Mull.

DEATHS

BAILLIE-GROHMAN - On July 5th after a years courageous fight against cancer, Peter, beloved husband of Frances, and much loved father of Rose, Hetty and Roderic. Funeral service at Holy Trinity Church, Long Sutton on Wednesday July 10th at Noon.

BAKER - On July 6th 1991, suddenly at home in Dyrham, Richard, father of Rupert and twin brother of Jane. Funeral in London, arrangements to be announced.

BENNETT-SHAW - On July 5th 1991, peacefully at Tytherington, Wilts. Elizabeth Irene. Cremation at Bath on Thursday July 11th, at 12.20 pm. A thanksgiving service will be held the same day at Heythrop Church, Wilts, at 3.00 pm. Family flowers only. Donations to Save the Children Fund, c/o F Curtis & Son, Funeral Directors, 11 Portway, Warminster.

BISCHOFF - On July 7th peacefully, at home, after a long and bravely borne illness, Barney (Bernard Crompton) aged 81, for 46 years the beloved husband of Elizabeth; loving father of Janet (Mymers) and Jim and proud grandfather. Private cremation, a memorial service will take place at a later date. Enquiries and donations for The Queen Elizabeth Home for the Disabled, to Patrick's of Farnham on 0252 714984.

BRAY - On July 6th 1991, Lieut. Col. Frederick Richard Chancourt Bray M.A. (Cantab) M.I.P.M., late The Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry and The King's African Rifles. Husband of Juliet, father of Ian and Jacqueline (de Vere Hunt), stepfather of Deborah Rotter and grandfather of James, Philip, Emma, Christine and Edward. Cremation on Monday July 15th, at 2.30 pm. at Worth Crematorium, Balcombe Rd, Horley. At his request no mourning, flowers or letters, but donations to The Rifleman's Club Society, c/o The Secretary, Winchester Barracks, Winchester.

BRIDGEWATER - On Sunday July 7th 1991, peacefully at Pridbench, Hythe, (aged 88), Cecilie Kathleen OBE, daughter of Capt C.J.B. Bridgewater, 6th Dragoons (G. Cambrai, 1917) and Kathleen Bridgewater. Called to the Bar 1934, Assistant Solicitor, Min. of Pensions and Natl. Insurance 1946 - 1971. Wise and much loved aunt of Adrian, Alexander and Simon. Funeral service, St Nicholas Church, New Romney on Monday 15th July, at 12 noon, followed by private cremation at Charing. Flowers and enquiries to Hambrook & Johns, 1 Dymchurch Rd, Hythe. Tel (0303) 266525.

BURT - On July 5th, at Great Bookham Doris Kathleen Burt M.B.E. F.S.M.C. much loved mother, grandmother and great grandmother. Funeral at Randalls Crematorium, Leatherhead on July 16th at 12 noon. Donations, if desired, to The Princess Alice Hospice, Esher, Surrey.

BUTLER - On July 7th 1991, Arthur Hamilton at his home 1 Spa Grange, Ballynahinch. Beloved and loving husband of Elizabeth and dear late Betty and father-in-law of Nesta. Former Bishop of Connor. Funeral service in Down Cathedral, Downpatrick on Wednesday July 10th 1991 at 11.30 a.m., followed by interment at Magheradroll Parish Churchyard. House private, family flowers only. Donations in lieu to the secretary, Belfast Cathedral, Donegall Street.

CHARTERS - On July 7th 1991, Daphne formerly of Delaware Mansions W9. Much loved aunt of Gay. Funeral service at Golders Green Crematorium on Friday July 12th 1991 at 12.20 p.m. No flowers please donations if desired to Royal Marsden Cancer Appeal.

CLOSE-BROOKS - On July 6th 1991 at home, Marian, widow of Roger Close-Brooks D.S.O., much loved mother of Joanna and Jonathan, and grandmother of Oliver, Henry and Camilla. Service at Southampton Crematorium on Tuesday, July 16th at 3.00 pm. Family flowers only, donations to Mildred Hospital League of Friends (Lymington Nursing Home) c/o Diamond & Son Funeral Directors, 9-11 Lower Buckland Road, Lymington, Hants SO41 9DN, tel: (0590) 672060.

CLOUGH - On June 30th Peter in Paris, after a courageous battle against cancer. Funeral Paris. R.I.P. July. Phone 0366 501078 for details.

COX - On June 19th, peacefully David Erskine Cox, husband of Anne, aged 81.

DAMS - On July 6th, peacefully after a long illness bravely borne, Francis Ormond, aged 86. Dearly loved husband of Joyce, much loved father of Carolyn and Simon and grandfather of Timothy and Julian. Funeral Service at Highclere Church, Newbury Friday 12th at 2.30. Family flowers only please. Donations if desired to Highclere Church C/o Camp Hopson, Newbury.

DESPARD - On July 4th 1991, Valbony, peacefully at home, aged 66. Kind and loving wife of Terence and mother of Richard, Sonya, Phillipa and John. Memorial service at Minster Church, New Forest on Wednesday 10th July at 1pm. Family flowers only or donations if desired to R.N.L.I. West Quay Road, Poole.

DON-FOX - On July 3rd, Daphne Joy Don-Fox (née Fletcher) at the Macmillan Services Wing, King Edward VII Hospital, Midhurst. Widow of Garnett, daughter of Dorothea and the late Harold Molyneux Fletcher, sister of John. Funeral Noon, July 16th, Bramshott Parish Church. Please no flowers, donations to the West Sussex Macmillan Services Fund or the Church restoration fund.

EARL - On 5th July, suddenly at Wengen, Switzerland, Roland, aged 71 years. Beloved husband of Betty and father to John and Anthony. Family flowers only, but donations, if desired, to Church of England Childrens' Society. Funeral details from Stoneman (Redhill) 763465.

GARRAN - On July 5th, peacefully at home, Sir Peter, formerly of HM Diplomatic Service, husband of the late Elisabeth Garran and father of Robin, Rosemary and Andrew. Private cremation; Service of Thanksgiving at St Mary's, Dornhead St Mary at 3pm on Friday, July 12th. No flowers, donations if desired to Cancer Research, c/o G.E. Johnson & Son (Shaftesbury) Ltd, 41/45 High St, Shaftesbury, Dorset.

GILLIMAND - On July 6th at Weybridge in her 100th year, Clare Arundell, born Lesley, widow of A.Gillimand, founder of Wenderton House, Bromsgrove School. Funeral St.James Church, Weybridge at 2.00 pm on Friday July 12th. No flowers, rather donations to charities of choice.

GLOSTER - On July 4th, peacefully in Switzerland, Peter, husband of Betty, father of Liz and grandfather of Sophie and Sam. Private family funeral.

GRIFFITHS - On July 3rd, peacefully, after an illness borne with the utmost courage, Mary Elizabeth of Beckenham, Kent, formerly of Cardiff. Beloved mother of Richard, Clive, Peter and Robert Teagle, Grandmother of Jane, Caroline and Verity Teagle. Deeply regretted by her sister Edith Morgan and daughters-in-law, Susan and Regina Teagle. Funeral at St. George's Church, Beckenham on July 12th at 10am. Flowers to Francis Chappell & Sons, 225 High Street, Beckenham, Kent or donations to the Leukaemia Care Society.

HANCOX - On July 6th peacefully at Bexhill-on-Sea, Kathleen (Kay) Mary. Adored wife of Donald and dearly loved mother of Michael and Carolyn. Loving grandmother of Diane, Michelle and Andrew and great grandmother of Shane. Funeral family only. Please no letters.

HARRISON-CAREY - On July 6th, peacefully in hospital, Martin David, much loved father of Natasha and Alexander, son of Ivan and the late John Carey. Funeral to Larner & Son Ltd, 246 Upper Richmond Road, Putney, SW15.

HEARD - On July 6th, 1991, peacefully Ellen May, aged 84. Greatly missed by her family and friends. For 58 years devoted and much loved Nanny to Anne Bradstock and all her family. Nanny Maude to the girls at St. Giles House during the war. Cremation at East Hampstead Park Crematorium at 3.30 pm. on Friday 12th July. No flowers please.

HICKLIN - On July 5th, Reginald Percy, Dearest husband of Susan, and father of David, Simon, Judy, Frances and Stephen, suddenly. Cremation privately.

HIGH - On July 3rd, peacefully at home after a long illness borne with utmost courage, Jayne Evans High (née Ramscoe) aged 48. Beloved wife to Mervyn, sister to John, daughter and friend to Barbara, daughter-in-law to Arthur and Dorothy. Service and cremation at St Faith's Crematorium (Norwich) 3pm Friday, July 12th. Flowers to Broadland Funeral Services, 98 Norwich Road, Wroxham or donations to Big C Appeal c/o Wymondham Ward, Norfolk and Norwich Hospital.

HOLDER - On July 1st 1991, William Lawrence (Billy), aged 80. Ever loving husband of Peggie and dearest father of Kevin Stuart Jonathan and Lawrence. Proud and loving grandfather of Kevin and Katherine. He will be sadly missed and always remembered by those fortunate to have known him. Requiem Mass at St Gregory's Church, Bearwood.

JOHNSON - On July 4th, peacefully at Hereford County Hospital, Norman, aged 67 years. Beloved husband of Joan, father of Susan and grandfather of Charlotte, Henry and Louise. The funeral service will be held at St. Martin's Church, Hereford, on Thursday July 11th at 1.30 pm, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only. If desired donations for the Imperial Cancer Research Fund may be sent to Dawe Bros., 115 Westfaling Street, Hereford.

JONES - On July 5th, peacefully at home, Brian Charles David, much loved husband of Kay, father of Meredith and Nicholas, and grandfather of Edward, Benedict, Alexander, Harvest and Kitty. Funeral 2pm on July 15th at Holy Trinity Easton Royal. Family flowers only, donations to Holy Trinity Easton Royal, may be sent c/o S Dewar Ltd, 26 River Street, Pewsey, Wilts.

KELLOGG - On July 5th 1991, at the Ipswich Hospital, Charles Dare Kellogg of Woodbridge, Suffolk. Beloved husband of Dorothy and loving father of Mark, Charles and David. Funeral service at St Mary's Church, Woodbridge on Friday July 12th at 11.30am, followed by private interment. Family flowers only.

KILEY - On July 7th, following an illness borne with courage and dignity, Dr Philip Edwin Kiley F.R.C.P., dearly loved husband of Gwen and father of Edwin, Ecumenical Service at St Judes, Mapperley, Nottingham on Friday July 12th at 1pm followed by private interment. Family flowers only donations in lieu to The University Hospital Trust Fund No.314 (for Respiratory Research) c/o Bagnall Bros. 800 Mansfield Rd. Sherwood, Nottingham.

LE POER TRENCH - On July 4th, Daniel Power (Dan) of Diani Beach, Ukunda, Kenya. Late Salerna.

LIGHTON - On July 7th, 1991, peacefully, Rachel Gwendoline aged 95 years. Much loved mother of Bridget and Ginny, grandmother and great grandmother. Funeral private.

LLEWELYN - On July 4th, peacefully, Gladys May (Clare) widow of the late Major Howard Llewelyn, late of Llangynidr, Powys. Funeral, 11.00 am, Friday, July 12th at St Cynidr's Church, Llangynidr. Flowers to A.V.Griffiths, Fatmatch, Brecon, Powys.

MOLLETT - On July 1st, 1991, tragically, Florence Ethel Marjorie, a dear mother to Susan, Philip, Andrew, and grandmother to Jamie, Jane, Sarah and Christopher. Funeral at St Mary's, The Virgin, Hayes, Kent on Thursday 11th July, 11.30am.

MONTAGU-POLLOCK - On July 6th 1991, Kara (née Karen-Sofie Dedekam), adored wife of the late Sir George Montagu-Pollock, Bart, Amesbury Abbey, Wiltshire, and mother of Giles and Karina. Private cremation at Salisbury 3pm Monday, July 15th. Flowers to Burden, Amesbury.

MUNRO— Hugh, On 7th July 1991 in Dublin, deeply regretted by his wife Ethne and family. Rest in Peace.

NICOLL - On July 6th after a long illness, Lady Irene Rita (née Lanagan) wife of the late Sir John F Nicoll, K.C.M.G. Funeral service at Gloucester Crematorium on Wednesday July 10th at 3.00pm. Family flowers only.

NUGEE - On Sunday July 7th 1991, at the Old Vicarage, Monksford, Elizabeth Catherine Nugee, aged 102, in her sleep. For many years a devoted worker for UMCA. Much loved friend to four generations of a large family. Requiem mass and burial at Monksford Parish Church at 11.30 am on Saturday July 13th. No flowers thank you, but if friends wish, they will appreciate donations to the Diocese of Zanzibar and Tanga, c/o E. G. Nugee Q.C., 3 New Square, Lincoln's Inn, WC2A 3RS.

ORD- Thomas, On July 5th at The Royal Free Hospital, aged 79. Funeral at Golders Green Crematorium, Wednesday July 10th 3.45pm. No flowers. Donations to Chest, Heart and Stroke Association, Tavistock House, North Tavistock Square, London, WC1H 9JE.

PARSONS - On July 7th, peacefully in hospital after an accident, Joseph Edward, dearly loved husband of Mary, father of Celia and Clive, and grandfather of Louise, Corina, Sophie and Lucy. Funeral private.

PELHAM-BURN - On July 5th aged 94, Marjorie peacefully at home, Pinners at St. Stephen's, Gloucester Road, Thursday July 11th, 1.15pm.

REYNOLDS - On July 4th, peacefully in hospital, Mary Lovell (Jane), aged 88. Wife of the late Brigadier Toby Reynolds and Founder of the Centro Centro Internacional Animal Shelter in Palma. Memorial thanksgiving in England later. Donations, if desired, to the RSPCA Cant Bequest (Majorca).

RODERICK - On July 5th 1991 Barbara Mary Sydney peacefully at The Manor Nursing Home, Bishops Hull, Taunton, Somerset in her 81st year. Dearly loved by her many friends. Funeral on Thursday July 11th at 2.00 p.m. at Pariock Parish Church. Family flowers only, donations if wished to World Wildlife Fund, c/o J. & E Hayes Funeral Directors, Pariock, Somerset TA24 8NE.

SCHNEIDER - On July 6th, tragically and very suddenly, Michael aged 36, beloved son of Ursula, father of Friedericke and Sophia. Funeral to be held at Cioddock Parish Church, Cioddock, South Herefordshire on Monday, July 15th at 12 noon. Flowers welcome. Enquiries to Bailey's, Hereford (0432) 272465.

SHAW - On July 5th 1991, peacefully at home in Shiplake-on-Thames, Kathleen, aged 87 years, widow of Tom Shaw M.C., C.B.E.

SIMPKINS - On July 8th, peacefully in hospital, Leonard Sidney, aged 70 years, much loved husband of Pauline. Cremation at Putney Vale Crematorium on Friday, July 12th at 4.15 pm. Family flowers only, no letters please.

SREENIVASAN - On July 5th at home in Coimbatore, India, Kasthuri, aged 75, after a long illness. Husband of Barbara. Former Chairman of Indian National Textile Corporation and former World Vice President of The Textile Institute.

STEVENS - On June 26th in Toronto, Winefride Eileen, born MacMahon, beloved wife of James-Stevens, very dear sister, sister-in-law and aunt.

THORPE - On July 7th, 1991, Mary, of Beaconsfield, Buckinghamshire. Much loved wife of Harry and mother of Alison, James and Caroline, peacefully at home after an illness borne with great courage. Funeral service at St Mary and All Saints Parish Church, Beaconsfield, on Friday July 12th at 3.00 pm followed by private interment. Immediate family flowers only but donations if desired for The Imperial Cancer Research Fund and The Iain Rennie Hospice at Home c/o Cathcart & co. 2 Swakeleys Road, Ickenham, Middlesex, UB10 8BG

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TURNER - On July 7th 1991, Vaughan (Bison), peacefully at St. Thomas' Hospital, loving and always loved. Cremation Friday, July 12th at 3.00 pm Kensal Green Crematorium. Flowers, if desired, to Ballards, 308 Old Brompton Road or donations to Master Stoke Polycythaemia Charity, Department of Haematology, St. Thomas' Hospital.

WESTACOTT - On July 4th peacefully at The Nuffield hospital, Wexham, Walter William (Bill) beloved husband of Florence, dear father of Thomas, John and Christopher. Loved by daughter in law Rowena and grandchildren William and Edwina. Funeral service St. Peter's church, Knowl Hill, Wednesday July 10th at 2.00 p.m. Family flowers only, donations if desired to Cardiac Research Trust, Wexham Park hospital, Slough, Berks.

WESTON-DAVIES - On July 6th, Kathleen (Kay) peacefully at home after a protracted illness, beloved wife of Jasper and mother of Wynne and Peterjon and grandmother to Jemima, Henry, Jessica, Poppy, Bertie and Edward. Funeral on Friday July 12th at The Parish Church of St George, Brede, near Rye, East Sussex, 11.30am. Family flowers only, or donations to The Parkinsons Disease Society, 22 Upper Woburn Place, London WC1.

WILSON - On July 6th 1991, peacefully after a long illness, at home, Edith Mary, beloved wife of the late Peter Thomas Matthew and a loved mother and grandmother. Funeral service at the A.E. Munn Chapel of Kettering Crematorium, on Friday July 12th at 1.30 pm. Family flowers only please, if desired donations for Cancer Research Campaign, c/o 2 Carlton House Terrace, London, SW1Y 5YT.

WOLFE - On July 3rd 1991 at home, Joan, dearly loved wife of Tony and beloved mother of Ann, mother in law of Anita and grannie of Tim, Charles and Jeremy. Funeral service at St. Mary the Virgin, Tholsurst on Thursday July 11th at 2.30 p.m., followed by cremation at Tunbridge Wells. Flowers or donations, in lieu, to Save The Children Fund may be sent c/o C. Waterhouse & Sons, High Street, Burwash, E. Sussex. Tel:0435 882219.

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CARO - A Service of Thanksgiving for the life and work of William Caro, President of the Chartered Institute of Patent Agents 1990-1991 will be held on Wednesday, July 10th at 11.30 am at the Guild Church of St. Andrew, Holborn, London EC4.

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PRIESTLAND - A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Gerald Priestland on Sunday July 21st at 3.00 pm at the Golders Green Friends Meeting House, North Square, Hampstead Garden Suburb.

WILSON - Sir Angus. A Memorial Service will be held at St James's Church, Piccadilly, London W1 on Wednesday, September 25th at 11.30am.

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♦ **A KISS BEFORE DYING (18):** Cold, flat version of Ira Levin's novel about a murderous youth (Matt Dillon) ruthlessly pursuing the American dream. With Sean Young; director, James Dearden.
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♦ **L.A. STORY (15):** Steve Martin's weatherman finds true love in wacky Los Angeles. Whirlwind fantasy comedy that just misses the mark. With Victoria Tennant; director, Mick Jackson.
Cannons: Fulham Road (071-370 2636) Haymarket (071-839 1527) Oxford Street (071-636 0310) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324).

♦ **MISERY (18):** Oscar-winner Kathy Bates as the number one fan tormenting a best-selling novelist (James Caan). Sprightly thriller from Stephen King's novel; director, Rob Reiner.
Cannon Panton Street (071-930 0831) Odeons: Kensington (0426 914666) Mezzanine (071-930 6111) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324).

♦ **THE NAKED GUN 2½ — THE SMELL OF FEAR (12):** Leslie Nielsen returns as accident-prone Lt Frank Drebin. Riotous dead-pan comedy. With Priscilla Presley; director, David Zucker.
Cannons: Baker Street (071-935 9772) Fulham Road (071-370 2636) Empire (071-437 9999) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324).

NOT WITHOUT MY DAUGHTER (12): Sally Field as an all-American wife trying to escape the Ayatollah's Iran. Earnest drama, peopled by puppets. With Alfred Molina; director, Brian Gilbert.
Cannons: Fulham Road (071-370 2636) Shaftesbury Avenue (071-836 8861) Plaza (071-497 9999).

RIFF-RAFF (15): Marvellous, scruffy "slice of life" portrait of a building-site crew from director Ken Loach.
Cannon Tottenham Court Road (071-636 6148) Screen on Baker Street (071-935 2772).

♦ **THE SILENCE OF THE LAMBS (18):** Jodie Foster's FBI trainee confronts Anthony Hopkins, evil incarnate. Intense, highly polished, and repellent thriller from Jonathan Demme.
Camden Parkway (071-267 7034) Cannons: Baker Street (071-935 9772) Chelsea (071-352 5096) Notting Hill Coronet (071-727 6705) Odeons: Kensington (0426 914666) Leicester Square (071-930 6111) Marble Arch (071-723 2011) Swiss Cottage (071-722 5905) Screen on the Green (071-226 3520) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324).

THESE FOOLISH THINGS (PG): Bertrand Tavernier's chamber piece about a dying father (Dirk Bogarde) tended by his daughter (Jane Birkin). Somewhat arch, but tender.
Curzon Mayfair (071-465 8865).

WHERE ANGELS FEAR TO TREAD (PG): E.M. Forster novel about the English abroad; amusing, pretty, but unsatisfactory. Starring Helena Bonham Carter and Rupert Graves. Directed by Charles Sturridge.
Odeon Haymarket (071-839 7697).

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of current theatre in London
■ House full, returns only
☑ Some seats available
☐ Seats at all prices

☐ **THE BLACKBOARD BUNGLE:** Patrick Prior treats British education to some rough farcical jokes.
Theatre Royal Stratford East, Gerry Raffles Square, E15 (081-534 0310). Mon-Sat, 8pm. 120mins.

☐ **THE CARETAKER:** Donald Pleasence in Pinter's classic tussle between a tramp and two brothers. Comedy, Panton Street, SW1 (071-867 1045). Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 8.15pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 5pm. 135mins.

☐ **CARMEN JONES:** Classy production of the Hammerstein/Bizet all-black musical, packed with pizzazz.
Old Vic, Waterloo Road, SE1 (071-928 7616). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Wed, Sat, 3pm. 165mins.

☐ **DANCING AT LUGHNASA:** Brian Friel's Olivier Award-winning memory-play set in 1930s Donegal.
Phoenix, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-867 1044). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 4pm. 150mins.

☐ **DICKENS' WOMEN:** Spirited, skilful tour of the funny, the fey and the gargoyles by Miriam Margolyes.
Duke of York's, St Martin's Lane, London WC2 (071-836 5122). Tues-Sat, 8pm, mats 4pm, Sun, 3pm. 120mins.

☐ **DON'T DRESS FOR DINNER:** Simon Cadell in average, French-boulevard farce.
Apollo, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-437 2663). Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 8.30pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 5pm. 135mins.

■ **JOSEPH AND THE AMAZING TECHNICOLOR DREAMCOAT:** Jason Donovan sports a golden wig for this gaudy, brash revival.
Palladium, Argyll Street, W1 (071-494 5037). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm. 135mins.

☐ **THE KING AND I:** Susan Hampshire returns with David Yip.
Sadler's Wells, Rosebery Avenue, EC1 (071-278 8916). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm. 180mins.

☐ **THE LAST DAYS OF DON JUAN:** Sexual thuggery in Seville: handsome but unfocused version.
The Pit, Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891). Tonight-Thurs, 7.30pm, mat Thurs, 2pm. 165mins.

☐ **MATADOR:** The rise of The Boy from Nowhere: great dancing and sets but a weak second half.

CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ♦) on release across the country.

☐ **SILLY COW:** Ben Elton's awkward collection of one-liners, centred on Dawn French as a ghoulish tabloid journo.
Theatre Royal, Haymarket, SW1 (071-930 8800). Mon-Thurs, 8pm, Fri, Sat, 5.30pm and 8.45pm. 130mins.

☐ **STARBRITES:** Market Theatre from Jo'burg offers a confusing fable, with puppets, about post-Mandela euphoria.
Tricycle, 269 Kilburn High Road, NW6 (071-328 1000). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm. 135mins.

☐ **THE TEMPEST:** Mark Rylance's gallant, out-of-doors troupe on the site of Shakespeare's Globe.
Globe Theatre Reconstruction Site, near Emerson Street, SE1 (071-379 4444/information: 071-620 0202). Tues-Sun, 7.30pm.

☐ **THUNDERBIRDS F.A.B. — THE NEXT GENERATION:** Cult stage version of cult television show performed by two actors wearing spaceship hats.
Mermaid Theatre, Queen Victoria Street, EC4 (071-410 0000). Mon-Thurs, 8.30pm, Fri, Sat, 7.30pm and 9.30pm. 90mins.

☐ **THE WHITE DEVIL:** Josette Simon the proud heroine in Philip Prowse's glittering staging of Jacobean corruption.
National (Olivier), South Bank, London SE1 (071-928 2252). Tonight, tomorrow, 7.15pm, mat tomorrow, 2pm. 180mins.

LONG RUNNERS: ☐ Aspects of Love: Prince of Wales (071-839 5972) . . . ☐ Blood Brothers: Albery (071-867 1115) . . . ☑ Buddy: Victoria Palace (071-834 1317). . . ☑ Cats: New London (071-405 0072) . . . ■ Five Guys Named Moe: Lyric (071-494 5045) ☑ Me and My Girl: Adelphi (071-836 7611) . . . ■ Les Misérables: Palace (071-434 0909) . . . ■ Miss Saigon: Theatre Royal, Drury Lane (071-836 8108) . . . ☐ The Mousetrap: St Martin's (071-836 1443) . . . ■ The Phantom of the Opera: Her Majesty's (071-839 2244) . . . ☐ Return to the Forbidden Planet: Cambridge (071-379 5299) . . . ☐ Run For Your Wife: Duchess (071-836 8243) ☐ Starlight Express: Apollo Victoria (071-828 8665) . . . ☐ The Woman In Black: Fortune (071-836 2238).

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TODAY'S EVENTS

LA CENERENTOLA: Benign revival of the Michael Hampe production, with Anne Sofie von Otter as Cinders — her first Covent Garden role outside Mozart — and Argentinian tenor Raúl Giménez as the prince. Carlos Rizzi conducts Rossini's score.
Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, London WC2 (071-240 1066/1911), 7.30pm.

THE ENGLISH CONCERT: Trevor Pinnock directs the group in Mozart's Symphony no 17 in G, and Oboe Concerto in C (with soloist Paul Goodwin) and performs Haydn's Harpsichord Concerto in D.
St John's, Smith Square, London SW1 (071-222 1061). 7.30pm.

DUTCH NATIONAL BALLET: A short visit by Holland's leading ballet company, last seen here in 1984, brings the British premiere of Rudi van Dantzig's *Romeo and Juliet*, created in 1957 and recently adapted by him for a cast of 60. The company gives six performances only.
Coliseum, St Martin's Lane, London WC2 (071-836 3161), 7.30pm.

SEX PLEASE, WE'RE ITALIAN: Opening night of a new farce by Tom Kempinski about life in a small village near Naples, starring Helen Mirren, David Thacker directs.
Young Vic, 66 The Cut, London SE1 (071-620 0568), 7pm.

HENRY LOWTHER: An impressive gathering of jazz musicians celebrates the fiftieth birthday of trumpeter Lowther: baritone saxophonist John Surman with a brass ensemble, an octet led by veteran pianist Stan Tracey, a sextet headed by pianist John Taylor, and an appearance by the alto saxophonist Peter King.
100 Club, 100 Oxford Street, London W1 (071-636 0933), 7.30pm.

THE NASH ENSEMBLE: In the first of three Arthur Bliss centenary concerts, the ensemble plays his *Conversations*, *Madam Noy*, *Rout* and Oboe Quartet, plus works by Stravinsky and Ravel. With oboist Gareth Hulse and soprano Joan Rodgers. Ian Brown conducts.
Purcell Room, South Bank, London SE1 (071-928 8800). 8pm.

ONTANI AND HIS DREAM COLOUR COAT: A new show of paintings, photographs and mixed media works by Italian Luigi Ontani, a prominent figure in the "Arte Povera" movement.
Accademia Italiana, 27 Rutland Gate, London SW7 (071-225 3474), 10am-5.30pm.

SALOME: Tadaaki Otaka conducts the Welsh National Opera in Andrei Engel's acclaimed staging of the Strauss opera. Stephanie Sundine is the cold-hearted princess, Philip Joll plays Jokanaan and Neil Jenkins is Herod. The production plays in repertoire with *Count Ory* and *La traviata* until Saturday.
Palace Theatre, Oxford Street, Manchester (061-236 9922), 7.15pm.

DOCTOR HEART: The Royal Exchange Theatre Company gives the British premiere of a new adaptation of *Dr Heart*, a musical about a scientist who invents a machine capable of bringing fictional characters to life. Originally based on a book by Peter Muller, with lyrics by Janice Brody and music by Hungarian Laszlo Tolcsvay, this new version has been translated and adapted by Trevor Peacock, working in association with Muller and Tolcsvay, and has choreography by Les Anderson.
Royal Exchange Theatre, St Ann's Square, Manchester (061-833 9333), 7.30pm.

Monumental life beyond death

DONALD COOPER

OPERA

Orfeo ed Euridice
Covent Garden

FOR roughly half the history of opera, from its first performance in 1762 up to the reawakening of Handel and Monteverdi in the 1950s, Gluck's *Orfeo* was the earliest piece in the regular repertory, the great entrance to the lyric theatre. Now that it has lost that position, now that the building has been restored beyond its erstwhile portico, the work has suffered a kind of death. If this monumental structure is not the gateway, what can it be for?

That question seems to lie behind Harry Kupfer's production, where the problem of staging the piece becomes one of the main points. The work's now functionless grandeur and the oratorio character imposed on it by the choral writing seem to presuppose the death-in-life of concert performance, and it is as a concert that this production begins.

Huge panels of plastic panes, which can also be windows or screens for projections, revolve on the stage to throw back reflections of the theatre, the audience, the conductor, the exit lights. And the concert atmosphere is emphasised constantly, throughout the 90-minute performance, by the presence of the chorus dressed conventionally in evening clothes.

Orfeo and Euridice rush on to the stage as if they were audience latecomers; then suddenly they are characters. Euridice dies, Orfeo laments. Opera begins. Kupfer, like Orpheus himself, sets out on a journey to bring the work back from death to theatrical life and, again like Orpheus, he persuades by means of artistic virtuosity. This is a remarkable piece of stage engineering, as well as of dramatic intensity in the central performance by Jochen Kowalski.

But the errand is doomed. As Euridice slides back to Hades, Orfeo dons a black tailcoat, and the production accepts the inevitability of the concert-hall mausoleum. The *lieto fine* spliced on to the work by 18th century necessity is sung by the three principals from books, standing in a line. And that is not a happy ending at all, but rather a bump onto the hard ground of realism.

The Komische Oper original of this production was justly acclaimed two years ago, and anyone who missed it then will want to see the Royal Opera version, now sung in Italian. It is quite unlike any other production, and it boasts, as before, an arresting and vocally moving performance by Kowalski, whose singing is golden, hot and sensuous.

Those who did see the production before, however, may prefer to stay with the memory. Kupfer's staging is a response to Gluck's "beautiful simplicity", and it comes best as a shock. Also, Kowalski seems less powerful than in 1989, though again this may be the fault of gilded memory. However, there is a glorious



Arrestingly dramatic: Jochen Kowalski in the title role of *Orfeo ed Euridice*

performance from Gillian Webster as Euridice: radiant, sure and true in everything she does. It is also impossible to imagine Amor's music being sung with more professional aplomb than it is by the treble Jeremy Budd, while the part is touchingly represented on stage by a tiny child, William Edwards. Hartmut Haenchen conducts a swift orchestral performance.

PAUL GRIFFITHS

THEATRE

Queer Fish
Battersea Arts Centre

THIS faintly nasty little play begins as a sexual arabesque after Joe Orton, continues as a camp in-joke and ends with a twist, already vividly semaphored, worthy of Roald Dahl.

The author Robin Hooper touches on at least one serious matter: the outrage felt by older homosexuals in the face of liberation. An intriguing theme. Flabby Flora (rarely Freddie) and his long-standing chum Timmy rail against "stupid minorities spoiling things for the rest of us", and recall with horror being confronted with a gay rights petition one evening after hearing Callas as Tosca.

The author's frame of reference seems limited by what he sees as flouncing old queens, complete with that unshakeable gay icon, the opera star. The two middle-aged homosexuals are countered by the remaining character in this long one act: the piece of rough trade who is apparently a bone, or rather whole body, of contention between them, but who turns out to be a victim of their predatory alliance.

Morally the play is a blank. There are fascinating points to be made about the revolution in gay consciousness and whether it has engendered its own excesses, but they are not made here. The three characters are equally unlikeable, with Adam (the young stud) the most ambiguously drawn.

A dislike of gay society emerges, whether the author intends it or not, justified by setting the piece in 1979 so that a clumsy reference to "sailing into the Eighties with Maggie" can be dragged in. The satire is both misanthropic and homophobic. The old order is devoured by its own uncaring cruelty (those symbolic piranhas!). The survivor is the arriviste who outmanipulates them all. Adam Magnani (lithe exhibitionism), Christopher Whittingham (plump, lonely petulance) and Robin Soans (the clone defying his age) create depressingly recognisable types.

Such interest in nudging smugness as remains in the overlong exercise, ploddingly directed by Ian Rickson, lies in the plot's central mystery. Why did an unknown man lend Flora the key to this luxury flat with its exotic aquarium — piranhas included — and swimming pool?

After 75 minutes of small talk, one longs for the bloody denouement, and just wonders, to offstage splashes and screams, why the characters have been as slow in reaching nemesis as the author has been in reaching any sort of point.

MARTIN HOYLE

RADIO

An Englishman in the Midi
Radio 4

THE Côte d'Azur is that part of southern France "on the right", while the vastly less fashionable Languedoc may be found "on the left". John P. Harris's *An Englishman in the Midi* (Radio 4, Thursdays) is not overburdened with specifics. In his sunny retirement, the author and broadcaster has plainly opted for the user-friendly approach to topography.

This, the second series of undemanding chats about expatriate life in winelake country, goes out at a time of the morning when a great many of his listeners, as he well knows, are gridlocked; whereas he has to motor a good ten miles to find the nearest jam. And when he runs it to earth in Montpellier, "they seem to change the one-way system every ten days or so." Just like the contraflow system in the Coulsdon Gap, eh colleagues?

I have never lived in France, nor wish to, but I am beginning to understand the popularity of Harris and his more illustrious fellow exile Peter Mayle, whose smarmy and patronising *A Year In Provence* is now available on a BBC double cassette.

Topography and ethnology have, in the end, nothing to do with it. Food and dialect are colourful marginalia. Even the famous Gallic logic proves, on closer inspection, to satisfy a prior requirement in all foreigners: in their argumentative mode the French are honorary Irish. No, the true grail of Harris and Mayle and all who seek mad dogs out in the Midi sun is the past — specifically a rustic past of social order and fixed populations. (One never hears diaristic programmes about life in the wrong end of Marseille.)

This is an only slightly transposed advertiser's fantasy of ancient vines and leprous rooftiles and sturdy peasants ambling home at sunset full of folklore. When these last are revealed as a dying breed, when their grandchildren prefer *les Big Macs*, the Anglo commentators can wheel out their secret weapon: irony.

What one can say in Harris's favour is that, unlike Mayle, he has had the courtesy to fictionalise the names of both place and person; again, he has never published jokey "books" about genitalia.

Even so, his series encourages a massively false idea about national identity, which is that if Englishmen take pains to learn foreign tongues and forswear Union Jack shorts and generally set themselves to the camouflage game, they will naturally be welcomed as charming. This is not simply unduly optimistic; for all its studied modesty, the attitude is hubristic.

Early last century the British invented the Riviera as a playground; today, by other means, they seem to be in the process of interpreting the rest of France for the benefit of anglophones everywhere. Neither Harris nor Mayle has yet been translated into French.

MARTIN CROPPER

TELEVISION

The Much Loved Friend?
BBC 2

AT NIGHT, when the visitors have gone home, ghostly presences stalk the National Gallery. In yesterday's atmospheric documentary honouring the new Sainsbury Wing — Trafalgar Square's very own new kid on the block — a gravel-voiced cockney attendant told us that there are certain rooms in the gallery where monk-like apparitions are glimpsed at night, and where the temperature drops to an unearthly cold. Even the chief, he said, had once been tapped on the shoulder by a ghostly hand.

No mention was made as to whether Robert Venturi (the American architect of the new wing) had been briefed by the Gallery's stick-in-the-mud trustees to accommodate equivalent spectres in his so-called "coda" to the main building. But from what we saw of his crypt-like lower hall, and the soaring low-lit religiosity of his display rooms (which cry out for the dancing yellow light of church candles), it seems not unlikely that the gallery's ghouls will be whooshing across to their new home the moment the Queen cuts the tape.

The programme's title, of course, referred to Prince Charles's famous comment about a "monstrous carbuncle on the face of a much loved and elegant friend". But why a question mark? It led one to expect a debunking, as in: "Much loved friend? Is *that* what you think?" Nothing could have been further from the truth. This film endorsed the National as a great free public amenity held in high esteem. Produced by Nicholas Rossiter (who made the entertaining Picasso auction film in the *Relative Values* series), the programme made a point of showing us the paintings through the eyes of people who visit them regularly. It was what you might call a National anthem.

Packed with impressive images, it was also a complex and stylish film. The opening sequence — a nocturnal tour of the gallery — was superb, and reminiscent of those moody "lives of the artists" films made by Leslie Megahey. Intercut with scenes from the present-day life of the gallery came 1958 newsreel footage, and also archive film of a suffrage activist describing how she took a cleaver to the Rokeby Venus. "You can still see the marks," she said, matter-of-factly.

But enough of this history. Was Prince Charles happy with the new extension? We held our breath. He was shown ascending the grand staircase of the new wing, and nodding approvingly. *He seemed to like it.* Later, he said he thought the extension "remarkably successful" — though straying into a new realm of imagery, when he said the new wing did not stand next to the old friend saying, "Look how old and wrinkled you are." Wales-watchers presumably took note.

LYNNE TRUSS

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John Russell Taylor on the Sainsbury Wing

WORLD AFFAIRS

Answers from page 20

TOMIUM
(c) **Each of the cutting edges of a bird's bill, from the Greek *tomos* sharp: "They do not peck or grind hard substances between the oblique tomia."**

EYAS
(c) **A young hawk taken from the nest for the purpose of training, originally a *nyas* from the Latin *nidus* nest, formed by erroneous division like a (n)adder; *Hamlet*: "An eyrie of children, little eyases that cry out on the top of question."**

CALOYER
(c) **A Greek monk, especially of the order of St Basil, from the late Greek *kalo-* beautiful + *geros* old age; Byron: "The convent's white walls glisten fair on high. Here dwells the caloyer, nor rude is he. Nor niggard of his cheer."**

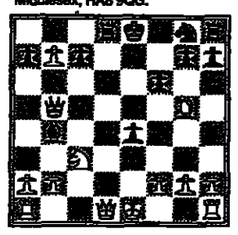
BROMMER
(c) **The bluebottle fly, from the Afrikaans, onomatopoeic; found in the place name Brommersylei, perhaps from the Afrikaans *brom* to mutter: "The brommer fly, *Wolfahrtia brunis palpis*, lays its eggs in the neck of the locust."**

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent

Gourvich — Pamplin, Correspondence 1976. With his queen and bishop threatened, it looks as if white might be in trouble. How did he turn the tables?

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BBC 1

6.00 Ceefax
6.30 BBC Breakfast News
9.05 BraveStarr. Cartoon (r). 9.25 Ipso Facto. Kate Steele looks into the future to see what life will be like 50 years from now (r)
10.00 News, regional news and weather 10.05 Playdays (r) 10.30 Clockwise. Three teams fight it out against the clock in the game show presented by Darren Day (r)
11.00 News, regional news and weather 11.05 High Chaparral. Classic western series starring Henry Darrow and Cameron Mitchell (r) 11.55 The Travel Show Traveller. Andy Crane visits the Greek island of Mykonos (r)
12.00 News, regional news and weather 12.05 Save the Panda. National Geographic Special documentary looks at international efforts to save the once numerous Chinese giant panda from extinction 12.55 Regional news and weather
1.00 One O'Clock News and weather 1.30 Neighbours. (Ceefax)
1.50 A Taste of Wales. Gill Davies demonstrates the culinary delights of Welsh sea-trout and other freshwater fish 2.20 Catch a Falling Star. John Pitman introduces a portrait of the late Jessie Matthews, who rose to fame in the Forties as a singer, dancer and actress but ended her life buried in an unmarked grave (r). (Ceefax)
3.00 Cricket: Third Test. Tony Lewis introduces live coverage of the final day's play from Trent Bridge. The commentators are Richie Benaud and Jack Bannister. NB: coverage subject to match going into fifth day
4.00 Cartoon 4.10 The All New Popeye Show (r) 4.30 The Really Wild Show. Nick Davies joins Terry Nutkins and Chris Packham to investigate animal tunnellers — snails that can bore through rock and toads with feet like spades. There are also spiders that can walk on water and a whole family of bush babies in the studio (r). (Ceefax)
4.55 Newsround 5.05 Gentle Ben. Children's outdoor drama series featuring a boy and his pet grizzly bear (Ceefax)
5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax). Northern Ireland: Sportswide 5.40 Inside Ulster
6.00 Six O'Clock News with Peter Sissons and Anna Ford. Weather
6.30 Regional news magazines. Northern Ireland: Neighbours
7.00 Good Sport. Includes footballer John Fashanu trying his hand at reeling in a 40lb conga eel, and a feature on America's sexiest sportsmen. (Ceefax)
7.30 EastEnders. (Ceefax)



Food for thought: Graham Crowden, Stephanie Cole (8.00pm)

8.00 Waiting for God. Repeat run for the somewhat laboured comedy about two stroppy residents of a genteel retirement complex. Tom Ballard (Graham Crowden) is an ageing Walter Mitty character dumped by his son and daughter-in-law at the Bayview retirement village, where the keynote is quiet resignation before going to meet your Maker. However, Tom soon meets sharp-tongued Diana Trent (Stephanie Cole) and they form an uneasy alliance to take on the yuppie management and improve the standard of food. (Ceefax)
8.30 Big Break. Jim Davidson is on cue for another *Big Break* game show, assisted by John "Trick Shot" Virgo. Three contestants try to win time at the table for their professional partners — this week former world champion Cliff Thorburn, Steve James and Neal Foulds
9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Martyn Lewis. (Ceefax) Regional news and weather
9.30 Film: The FBI Murders (1988). Based on a true story. David Soul and Michael Gross play two vicious killers, leading seemingly normal suburban lives, who successfully hide their true personalities until the FBI tracks them down and confronts them in a violent shoot-out. Directed by Dick Lowry
11.05 Cagney and Lacey: Ordinary Hero. In the award-winning police series starring Sharon Gless and Tyne Daly, Chris is investigating a counterfeit jeans racket and Mary Beth is worried that a Chilean who prevented a mugging will be deported by immigration officers (r). (Ceefax)
11.50 Weather

BBC 2

7.10 Open University: An Office Career. Ends at 7.35
8.00 News 8.15 Westminster. A round-up of business from the Houses of Lords and Commons
9.00 Hot Champagne and First-night Nerves. Documentary following the attempts of an expatriate amateur dramatic group in Monaco to create a little piece of England as they rehearse for a production of *The Heiress* (r)
9.45 Cricket: Third Test. Highlights of the fourth day's play (r)
10.25 Sign Extra: Taking Liberties — Fatal Error. A look at the cause of the air crash in 1989, when a brand new British Midlands Boeing 737 crashed on to the M1 (subtitled) (sign language) (r)
10.50 Cricket: Third Test. Live coverage of the opening session of the final day's play in the match at Trent Bridge between England and West Indies. NB: coverage subject to play going into fifth day
1.05 Delia Smith's One is Fun. Delia demonstrates fish dishes for one person (r) 1.20 Gordon T. Gopher. Comedy show with the hero puppet (r) 1.30 Barney. Cartoon (r)
1.35 Cricket: Third Test. Further live coverage from Trent Bridge includes news and weather at 2.00
3.00 News and weather followed by Westminster Live 3.50 News, regional news and weather
4.00 Cricket: Third Test. NB: coverage subject to play going into the fifth day
8.30 Film: When Dinosaurs Ruled the Earth (1969). Fantasy sequel to *One Million Years BC*. Sanna, a sacrificial virgin, escapes death and is swept out to sea by a cyclone, falls in love with a young man from another tribe and is adopted by a dinosaur — among other everyday prehistoric adventures. Starring Victoria Vetri and Robin Hawdon. Directed by Val Guest
8.05 Black on Europe: Holland. The series visits The Netherlands to look at the experiences and expectations of black people living there. Despite its image as an extremely liberal and tolerant society, black youths who live there face one of the highest unemployment rates in Europe and older members of the community say there are increasing pressures to conform in order to be accepted within Dutch society
8.35 Red Arctic: Ice Station 31. Continuing the six-part series about Soviet Siberia with a look at the lives and work of 30 Soviet scientists who staff the scientific research station, precariously situated on a floating raft of ice. They provide important scientific data on climatic and environmental conditions, but have to cope with inefficient food and equipment supplies, obsolete equipment and even erratic relief flights
9.00 The Best of Saturday Night Clive. Highlights from Clive James's last series which takes an entertaining and critical look at television worldwide (r)



Beating the drum for the feminist cause: Mic (9.45pm)

9.45 From Wimps to Warriors: A Nice Bit of Skirt.
● CHOICE: The series which aims to explode the myth of masculinity presents three males who have tried, in their different ways, to come to terms with feminism. At one extreme is Geoff, who has lived the macho life of an RAF pilot and Polar explorer and describes the women's movement as poisonous. He is particularly upset by women wearing trousers and strikes a blow for male freedom by playing squash in a frilly white skirt. At the other extreme is Mic, who had feminism drummed into him by three older sisters and has happily joined the cause. The case of Richard is less clear-cut. He is no women's libber and hated his wife striking out on her own and taking a job. But since this was on the rebound from his affair, he hardly has a good case. Director Penny Woolcock has assembled some watchable footage but her fondness for flashy editing sometimes gets in the way of it. (Ceefax)
10.30 Newsnight with Jeremy Paxman
11.15 Late Show Special: The National Gallery Debate. The new Sainsbury Wing has been a source of controversy since it was first proposed. Its opening is marked by a special debate to discuss the role of galleries in the Nineties. Chaired by Kirsty Wark, who is joined by the director of the National Gallery, Neil MacGregor, architectural critic Martin Pawley and other commentators
11.55 Weather
12.00 Cricket: Third Test. Highlights subject to play going into the fifth day. Ends at 12.45am

ITV

6.00 TV-am
9.25 All Clued Up. Game show for married couples, hosted by David Hamilton 9.55 Thames News and weather
10.00 Out of This World. American comedy series about a girl with an alien father
10.30 This Morning. Family magazine series
12.10 Rod, Jane and Freddy learn about lights (r)
12.30 News with John Suchet. Weather 1.10 Thames News and weather
1.20 Home and Away. (Oracle) 1.50 A Country Practice
2.20 Take the High Road. Drama series set in the Scottish Highlands 2.50 Crazy Comparisons. Game show hosted by Chris Tarrant
3.15 ITN News headlines 3.20 Thames News headlines 3.25 Families. Soap linking the north of England with Australia
3.55 Thomas the Tank Engine and Friends (r) 4.00 What-a-Mess (r) (Oracle) 4.15 The Return of Dogtanian 4.40 Press Gang. Last in the children's drama series featuring teenage newshounds. This episode deals with child abuse (r) (Oracle)
5.10 Blockbusters. Bob Holness hosts the general knowledge quiz for teenagers
5.40 News with Carol Barnes. (Oracle) Weather
5.55 Thames Help presented by Jackie Spreckley, who joins young Londoners to find out about sailing in the capital
6.00 Home and Away (r). (Oracle)
6.30 Thames News and weather
7.00 Emmerdale. Agricultural soap set in the Yorkshire Dales (Oracle)
7.30 Thames Reports. With news of the east London police investigation into a paedophile ring alleged to have killed up to 12 young boys; and how Lady Olga Maitland fared when challenged to live for a week in a Haringay B&B on £18.95



Armed robbery: Roger Lloyd Pack with Jeff Stewart (8.00pm)

8.00 The Bill: The Negotiator. Fast-paced police drama. PC Hollis (Jeff Stewart) is in the wrong place at the wrong time and finds himself in the middle of an armed robbery and held at gunpoint by Arnie Ramponi (Roger Lloyd Pack) (Oracle)
8.30 Wheel of Fortune. Game show hosted by Nicky Campbell. (Oracle)
9.00 Selling Hitler. Last in the superbly cast satirical drama serial Rupert Murdoch decides to go ahead and publish the diaries, despite Lord Dacre's doubts. (Oracle)
10.00 News at Ten with Alastair Burnet and Julia Somerville. (Oracle) Weather 10.30 Thames News and weather
10.40 Viewpoint '91: Acceptable Risks?
● CHOICE: A scrupulously even-handed report on the handling of child abuse cases brings out the difficulties and ends up inviting sympathy rather than condemnation for those at the sharp end. The behaviour of social workers may seem baffling at times but many of them have no formal qualifications and they have been left uncertain about their status and function. The police role is clearer but to catch the villain is not necessarily to solve the problem. More than a third of the cases involve children under six, who are not likely to make good witnesses in court. Children taken from their homes may suffer a worse fate elsewhere. And so on. There is general agreement that those who have to deal with child abuse should be better equipped to do so. As Det Insp Keith Lawrence, a no-nonsense member of the West Yorkshire force, puts it: "You can't expect cordon bleu results if you get Sid's Café training"
11.40 Prisoner: Cell Block H. Australian drama set behind bars
12.30am It's My Belief. Writer and journalist A.N. Wilson argues that organised religion has been responsible for much of the violence and conflict in the world
1.00 Videoview presented by Mariella Frostrup
1.30 Duels of the Mind. Series hosted by *The Times*'s chess correspondent Raymond Keene detailing the 12 best chess games ever played. This week he looks at the 1896 "Battle of the Titans" between the then world champion Emanuel Lasker and the young American Harry Pillsbury
2.00 Donahue. Phil Donahue talks to people who are single — whether widowed, divorced or uncoupled
3.00 60 Minutes. American news and current affairs magazine
4.00 Entertainment UK. Up-to-the-minute guide to the best in film, theatre, dance and music from across the country
5.00 Three's Company. American sitcom starring John Ritter
5.30 ITN Morning News with Phil Roman. Ends at 6.00

CHANNEL 4

6.00 The Channel Four Daily
9.25 The Story of . . . Marc Bolan. A profile of the rock singer-songwriter (r)
10.30 Crosstalk. Young people are given the chance to discuss topics that concern them (r)
11.00 As It Happens: On the Thames. Michael Groth answers an emergency call while on patrol with the River Police (r)
12.00 The Parliament Programme presented by Sue Cameron
12.30 Business Daily With Susannah Simons
1.00 Sesame Street. Educational fun with guest Cab Calloway (r)
2.00 Cities of Islam. The documentary series exploring historic Islamic cities continues with a look at Istanbul (r)
2.30 Channel 4 Racing from Newmarket. Brough Scott introduces live coverage of the 2.35, 3.05, 3.35 and 4.10 races
4.30 Countdown with Richard Whiteley
5.00 Noah's Ark visits the stony beaches of Patagonia which are the only mainland habitat for the world's largest seal (r)
5.30 A Century of Childhood: Institutions. Eight-part series exploring the changing experience of childhood in the 20th century. This programme focuses on orphanages and reformatories (r). (Teletext)
6.00 Duet. Sitcom about an ill-matched Los Angeles couple
6.30 Tour de France. The fourth stage — Dijon to Rheims, a distance of 229km
7.00 Channel 4 News presented by Jon Snow and Zeinab Badawi. (Teletext) Weather 7.50 Comment
8.00 Our Backyard: The Tale of Bugs Bottom. A series about the attempts of ordinary people to combat the various threats to their environment. The people of Caversham, near Reading, are fighting to save the most beautiful valley in their area from a development of 500 executive homes. (Teletext)
8.30 The Literary Island: Brighton.
● CHOICE: Unlike Dorset, which was featured in this slot last week, Brighton does not appear to have thrown up indigenous writers of any note. So Melvyn Bragg's literary history of the town has to be compiled from the jottings of outsiders. Luckily Brighton has attracted a distinguished roster of essayists, novelists and poets, many of whom have been rude about it. Bragg's theme, indeed, is the contradiction between the town of pleasure, crowned by the Prince Regent, and the seedy and threatening place of Graham Greene's *Brighton Rock*. Patrick Hamilton was another 20th century writer to present a disenchanted view of Brighton, in *The West Pier* and his dark thriller, *Hangover Square*. But before Greene and Hamilton, Arnold Bennett caught a Brighton melancholia, which was picked up by T.S. Eliot in *The Waste Land*.(Teletext)
9.00 Without Walls. Channel 4's weekly arts series in two parts: In *The Thing is . . . Animal*, Paul Morley tries to conquer his fear of all things animal with the help of Johnny Morris and Beryl Reid. In *Art is Dead...Long Live TV: Literature*, Muriel Gray talks to Laura Mason, a Glaswegian writer who has mixed a traditional narrative with extracts from phone chat lines



A childhood masked by communism: Rebecca Smart (10.00pm)

10.00 Film: Celia (1988).
● CHOICE: Channel 4's season of recent films from Australia continues with the striking first feature of the writer-director, Ann Turner, about a nine-year-old girl growing up in Melbourne in the Fifties. Marvellously played by young Rebecca Smart, Celia inhabits the usual child's world of long school holidays, gang games and pet rabbits. All of this is beautifully observed, with sympathy but no sentimentality. But the film uses Celia's story to reflect and examine a wider issue, the irrational fear of communism which was gripping Australia as it had gripped western Europe and the United States. When Celia makes friends with the children next door she is not to know that their parents are communists, a fact that will have far-reaching effects on her adolescent life. Turner carefully weaves together the two strands, the personal and political, so that they fuse convincingly and never turn the film into a tract. From start to finish it is about human beings
11.55 Down Under: Life on Earth as I Know It. A short film by Penny MacDonald in which a young woman narrates how true love can blossom in a room with a view of a brick wall
12.05am Star Test. Bernard Sumner submits to the probing computer
12.35 The Pogues. A documentary profile of the wild Irish band
1.40 Tour de France. See 6.30. Ends at 2.05

ITV VARIATIONS

ANGLIA
As London except: 6.25pm-7.00 Anglia News 7.30-8.00 A Green Day Out 12.35 Murphy's Law 1.30 How Was It For You? 2.00 Entertainment UK 3.00 Night Flight 4.00 The Peltier Merchants 4.30 Jack Thompson 5.00-5.30 A Green Day Out

BORDER
As London except: 2.20pm-2.50 Sons and Daughters 5.10-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 Lookaround Tuesday 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 7.30-8.00 Way of the Lakes 11.40 North and South 1.25 Wrestling 2.25 Film: Buffalo Bill 4.15 Human League 4.30 About Britain 4.55-5.30 Jobs

CENTRAL
As London except: 6.25pm-7.00 Central News 7.30-8.00 Survival — The First 30 Years 8.30-9.00 Family Pride 11.40 North and South 1.30 How Was It For You? 1.55 International Sportsworld 2.55 Special Squad 3.50 Video Jazz 4.55-5.30 Jobs

GRAMPIAN
As London except: 5.10pm-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 North Tonight 6.30-7.00 Take the High Road 7.30-8.00 National Aerobic Championships 11.40 North and South 1.25 Wrestling 2.25 Film: Buffalo Bill 4.15 Human League 4.30 About Britain 4.55-5.30 Jobs

GRANADA
As London except: 6.30pm-7.00 Granada Tonight 7.30-8.00 The Good Life Show 1.40 North and South 1.25 Wrestling 2.25 Film: Buffalo Bill — Hero of the Far West 4.15 Human League 4.30 About Britain 5.00-5.30 Jobfinder

HTV WEST
As London except: 1.50pm-2.20 The Sullivans 5.10-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 HTV News 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 7.30-8.00 The Good Neighbour Show

HTV WALES
As HTV West except: 6.00pm-6.30 Wales at Six 7.30-8.00 Caribbean Castaway

TSW
As London except: 2.20pm-2.50 A Brush With Art 3.20-3.55 Home and Away 5.10-5.40 Families 6.00 TSW Today 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 7.30-8.00 Something to Treasure 11.40 North and South 1.25 Wrestling 2.25 Film: Buffalo Bill — Hero of the Far West 4.15 Human League 4.30 About Britain 4.55 TSW Jobfinder 5.00-5.30 Farming Week

TVS
As London except: 1.50pm-2.20 The Young Doctors 4.10-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 Coast to Coast 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 7.30-8.00 The Green Life Guide 11.40 Hardball 12.40 Soccer in the 70s 1.10 Film: Nabla 2.35 Vivid 3.05 CinemAttractions 3.35 60 Minutes 4.30 About Britain 5.00-5.30 Coast to Coast People

TYNE TEES
As London except: 1.50pm-2.20 Divorcing Daddy 5.10-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 Northern Life 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 7.30-8.00 The Works 11.40 North and South 1.25 Wrestling 2.25 Film: Buffalo Bill — Hero of the Far West 4.15 The Human League 4.30 About Britain 4.55-5.30 Jobfinder

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As London except: 1.50pm 2.20 Sons and Daughters 5.10-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 Six Tonight 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 7.30-8.00 McGillicuddy's Way 11.40 North and South 1.25 Wrestling 2.25 Film: Buffalo Bill — Hero of the Far West 4.15 Human League 4.30 About Britain 4.55-5.30 Jobs

YORKSHIRE
As London except: 1.50pm-2.20 Daytime Green 5.10-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 Calendar 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 7.30-8.00 Taxi 11.40 Almost Grown 12.35 The Young Riders 1.30 Video View 2.00 60 Minutes 2.55 Music Box 4.00 About Britain 4.25-5.30 Jobfinder

S4C
Starts: 6.00am C4 Daily 9.25 Sesame Street 10.20 Rainbow Serpent 10.50 Film: It's Great to be Young 12.30 Newyddion 12.40 Slot Melithrin 1.00 Countdown 1.30 Business Daily 2.00 Our Back Yard 2.30 Chennel 4 Racing 4.30 Dennis 4.45 I Love Lucy' 5.15 Best of the Word 5.45 Heno 6.00 Newyddion 6.10 Heno 6.40 Now You're Talking 7.00 Teuki'r Tir 7.30 Pelu Mlaen 8.00 Tour de France 1991 8.00 Newyddion 9.00 The Manageress 10.00 The Golden Girls 10.30 Sound Stuff 11.30 Crime Does Not Pay' 11.55 Down Under 12.05 Star Test 12.35 The Pogues 1.40 Tour de France 1991 2.05 Diwedd

RTE 1
Starts: 3.05pm News followed by Perry Mason 4.00 News followed by Kate and Allie 4.30 Clayfranger 5.30 A Country Practice 6.00 The Angelus 6.01 Six-One 6.30 Bugs Bunny 6.35 Tom's Midnight Garden 7.05 Katts and Dog 7.30 Natural Causes 8.00 Jeeves and Wooster 9.00 News 9.20 May to December 9.55 Summer Express 10.30 St Elsewhere 11.20 News 11.30 Close

NETWORK 2
Starts: 3.30pm Bosco 4.00 Baber 4.25 Wizard of Oz 4.50 Mike and Angelo 5.10 Mighty Mouse and Friends 5.35 The Beachcombers 6.00 Garfield and Friends 6.25 Home and Away 6.55 Nuacht 7.00 Alternative Fringe 7.05 Empty Nest 7.30 Showjumping from Solihull 9.00 American Dreamer 9.30 News followed by Gabriel's Fire 10.30 Auto International 10.55 News 11.10 Oireachtas Report 11.35 Close

SATELLITE

SKY ONE
● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites. 6.00am The DJ Kat Show 8.35 Mrs Pepperpot 8.45 Playabout 9.00 Card Sharks 9.30 Mr Ed 10.00 The Lucy Show 10.30 The Young Doctors 11.00 The Bold and the Beautiful 11.30 The Young and the Restless 12.30pm Sale of the Century 1.00 True Confessions 1.30 Another World 2.20 Santa Barbara 2.45 Wife of the Week 3.15 Bewitched 3.45 The DJ Kat Show 5.00 Dff'rent Strokes 5.30 McHale's Navy 6.00 Family Ties 6.30 Sale of the Century 7.00 Love at First Sight 7.30 Doctor, Doctor 8.00 The Chisholms: Final episode of a three-part mini series 11.00 Police Story 12.00 Monsters 12.30am Rowan and Martin's Laugh-In 1.00 Pages from Skytext

SKY NEWS
● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites. News on the hour.
5.00am Sunrise 5.30 Newsline 9.30 Dayline 10.30 Beyond 2000 11.00 International Business Report 11.30 Dayline 12.30pm CBS News 1.30 CBS News 2.30 Parliament Live 3.15 Prime Minister's Question Time 3.30 Parliament Live 4.30 Beyond 2000 5.00 Live at Five 6.30 Newsline 8.30 Target 10.30 Newsline 11.30 CBS News 12.30am Newsline 1.30 CBS News 2.30 Target 3.30 CBS News 4.30 Target

SKY MOVIES+
● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites. 6.00am Showcase
10.00 Dream Chasers (1985): A terminally ill young boy and an old man journey to Wyoming, the home state of Butch Cassidy. Starring Harold Gould and Justin Dana
12.00 Circle of Violence (1985): A middle-aged widow takes out her pent-up frustrations on her elderly mother. Starring Tuesday Weld and Geraldine Fitzgerald
2.00pm Tarka the Otter (1978). The adventures of Tarka along the riverbanks of England. Starring Peter Bennett
4.00 Eagle's Wing (1978): A British-made Western about the confrontation between a renegade Indian and a trapper. Starring Martin Sheen and Sam Waterston
5.40 Entertainment Tonight
8.00 Cocoon: The Return (1988): The senior citizens who left for the planet Antarea in *Cocoon*, return to Earth. Starring Don Ameche
8.00 Clara's Heart (1988): Distraught by his parents' impending divorce, a young boy finds comfort in the arms of his Jamaican nanny (Whoopi Goldberg)
10.00 Made in L.A. (1990): A crime thriller in which a cop and a thief find themselves unlikely allies. Starring Scott Plank and Alex McArthur
12.10am The Bedroom Window (1987): A man having an affair with his boss's wife finds himself the chief suspect in a murder investigation. Starring Steve Guttenberg
2.15 Love Potion (1989): A teenager discovers a sinister plot at a drug rehabilitation centre. Starring Nancy Paul
3.50 Nightmare City (1987): A tough cop comes face to face with a dark secret from his past. Starring Paul Coufos. Ends at 5.25

THE MOVIE CHANNEL
● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites. 6.15am Bradys on the Move (1989): Drama with the Brady Bunch. Mike (Robert Reed) takes up politics when a motorway development threatens the family home
8.15 The Idol (1966). A loser seduces both the mother and the girlfriend of his best friend. Starring Michael Parks
10.15 The Wonderful World of Oz: Children's film
12.15pm The Treasure of Swamp Castle: Animated adventure about a young prince's quest to find hidden treasure, concealed many years earlier by his father
2.15 Fail Safe (1964, b/w). Henry Fonda must prevent the third world war when a computer system malfunctions and Moscow is destroyed in a nuclear attack
4.15 Gypsy Colt (1954): A faithful horse refuses to be separated from its mistress when it is sold to a new owner. Starring Patrick McGoohan
6.15 Wicked Stepmother (1989): A married couple return home to discover that the wife's widowed father has married a witch of an old woman. Starring Bette Davis
8.15 The Dream Team (1989). Comedy following the adventures of four mental patients in New York. Starring Michael Keaton
10.15 A Man in Love (1987): An actor embarks on a torrid romance with a fellow actress. Starring Peter Coyote and Greta Scacchi
12.05am Longtime Companion (1990): A middle-aged man nurses his lover who is dying of Aids. Starring Bruce Davison
1.45 Nightmare at Bitter Creek (1988): Four women back-packers become prey to a group of gun-toting locals. Starring Lindsay Wagner
3.20 Do the Right Thing (1989): A New York pizza parlour becomes the focus of racial tension. Starring Danny Aiello. Ends at 5.15

SKY SPORTS
● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites. 2.00pm Commonwealth Basketball 4.00 Superbouts 5.00 Hydroplaning 6.00 American Sports Cavalcade 7.00 Watersports 8.00 Test Match Cricket 10.00 Power Hour 11.00 Kick-Boxing 12.00 Test Match Cricket

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MTV
● Via the Astra satellite. Twenty-four hours of rock and pop

RADIO 3

6.35-6.55am Open University (FM only) 6.55 Weather; News
7.00 Morning Concert: Bridge (Three Idylls); Clarke (Passacaglia on an Old English Tune); Delius (Late Swallows) 7.30 News
7.35 Morning Concert (cont): Haydn (Organ Concerto in C, H XVIII 1); J.C. Bach (Quintet in D); Rameau (Suite, Les Indes galantes) 8.30 News
8.35 Composers of the Week: Beethoven (Sextet, Op 81b; An die ferne Geliebte; String Quartet, Op 18 No 2)
9.35 Janáček and His Followers (FM only from 10.55): Chlubna (Comedy Overture); Janáček (In Tears); Kapral (Lullabies); P. Haas (Wind Quintet, Op 10); Martinů (Canzone No 1, Toccata e due canzoni); Matěj (Music for five brass instruments — first movement); Janáček, ed Faltus and Štědroň (Violin Concerto, Wandering of a Soul); Podesva (Sinfonia da camera No 4, Music of Solitři); Tausinger (Hukvaldy Nonet); Janáček, orch Zitek and Sedláček (The Diary of One Who Disappeared — excerpt); K. Slavicky (Moravian Dance Fantasy No 3)
10.55-6.30pm Test Match Special (MW only): England v West Indies. Final day of the third Test at Trent Bridge. 1.05pm News. 1.18 Your Letters Answered. 1.30 County Scoreboard. 1.40-6.30 Commentary
11.30 BBC Philharmonic (FM only) performs Suk (Scherzo fantastique); Mozart (Piano Concerto No 21 in C, K 467: Mikhail Rudy); Dvořák (Symphony No 7)
1.00pm News (FM only)
1.05 Instrumental Quintet of London (FM only) performs Guy-Ropartz (Prélude, marine et chanson); Damase (Variations on Early One Morning); Jongen (Concert à cinq) (r)
2.00 Music Weekly (FM only) (r)
2.45 Havergal Brian Symphonies (FM only): The first commercial recording of Brian's Symphony No 1, Gothic (Czech RSO; Slovak PO; Slovak Philharmonic Choir, Opera Chorus and Folk Ensemble Chorus; Lucnica Chorus; Bratislava City and Children's Choirs; Youth Echo Choir under Ondrej Lenard)
4.45 Beethoven Cello Music (FM only): Karine Georgian, cello, Bernard Roberts, piano, play Sonata in F, Op 5 No 1; Sonata in C, Op 102 No 1
5.30 Mainly for Pleasure (FM only until 6.30) 7.00 News
7.05 Spectrum: Colin Tudge talks with Richard Dawkins, reader in zoology at Oxford (r)
7.30 Beecham: Vintage recordings by the conductor, and an interval tribute to him. Mozart ("Paris" Symphony; Suisse Romande). Wagner (Tannhäuser Overture and Venusberg Music; RPO). Berlioz (Grande Messe des Morts; RPO, with Richard Lewis, tenor)
8.13 ● CHOICE: Thirty years after his death, colleagues and friends of "Tommy", including Sir Charles Groves, Norman Del Mar, and Felix Aprahamian, attempt the impossible — a digest of his long life and broad personality in 22 minutes flat. But at least the brief impressions are highly evocative of the man — slipping a few notes from *Rule Britannia* into one of his arrangements "just to annoy the Yanks!", throwing ad hoc fits of temperament, conducting so that the composer would be illuminated as much as his composition, and changing gears within a symphonic movement in a way that would bring a blush to the cheek of a Paris taxi driver
10.00 Silenced by the Soviets: In the Pine Forest. David Burke narrates the first of two plays tonight by Duncan Bush. Set in Siberia in 1938, Bel (Dorian Thomas) has been sent to prison for writing poetry.
10.25 A talk by Duncan Bush.
10.35 Are There Still Wolves in Pennsylvania? Twenty years after Vietnam, Wesley (William Hope) and his wife Linda (Shelley Thompson) are unable to forget (r)
11.00 J.S. and C.P.E. Bach Gamba Sonatas: Charles Medlam and William Hunt, viols da gamba, Richard Egarr, harpsichord, perform J.S. Bach (Sonata No 2 in D, BWV 1028); C.P.E. Bach (Sonata in D, Wq 137) 11.30 News
11.35-12.35am Composers of the Week: Polish Romantics (r)
1.00-2.25 Night School (FM only) (except in Scotland)

RADIO 4

(s) Stereo on FM
5.55am Shipping Forecast 6.00 News Briefing, incl 6.03 Weather 6.10 Farming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day, with Henry Tankel 6.30 Today, with Brian Redhead and John Humphrys, incl 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 News 8.58 Weather
9.00 News
9.05 Call Nick Ross: 071-580 4411
10.00 News; Medicine Now, with Geoff Watts
10.30 Morning Story: Lady's Slipper, by Anne Liddon. Read by Ann Rye
10.45 Daily Service (s)
11.00 News; Citizens (s)
11.25 From Our Own Correspondent: Reflections of life and politics abroad
11.50 Northings: The Copper Men. The second of six tales of life in northern latitudes by Vaughan Purvis
12.00 News; You and Yours, with Debbie Thrower
12.25pm King Street Junior: A Day at the Centre. The sixth of an eight-part comedy drama written by Jim Eldridge (s)
12.55 Weather
1.00 The World at One, with James Naughtie
1.40 The Archers (r) 1.55 Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; Woman's Hour with Jenni Murray. ITN's Penny Marshall, the BBC's Triona Holden and Maria Colvin of *The Sunday Times* discuss their coverage of the Gulf war; there is a report on aquerobics exercise; and an item on Alzheimer's disease
3.00-4.00 Prime Minister's Questions (FM only)
3.00 News; Thirty-Minute Theatre (LW only): Conrad's Chance, by Sean Gilbert. An unlucky man is offered three wishes by a stranger. With Russell Boulter and Terence Edmond
3.32 The Tingle Factor (LW only)
● CHOICE: Beryl Bainbridge, selecting favourite music, verse and prose, regales Robin Ray with a delicious childhood memory about the time she met the celebrated and eccentrically coiffured pianist Paderewski. In fact, all her tingle-provoking choices are tied to her past, including Matthew Arnold's "Dover Beach" which she earnestly recommends to all melancholy adolescents, the Shirley Temple ditty that sent her off to tap-dancing lessons, and *I.T.M.A.* which served the unusual purpose of dinning out the gunfire sounds of Bainbridge family warfare
4.00 News
4.05 Age to Age, with Barry Cunliffe. Dr Sally Taylor talks to Christopher Cook about the Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist and Stalin apologist Walter Duranty; and Lord Bullock concludes his assessment of the parallel lives of Stalin and Hitler
4.30 Kaleidoscope Roadshow: Robert Dawson-Scott presents today's programme live from the Shaftesbury Theatre in Cheltenham, as part of *Radio Goes to Town*, where Clive Farahar and Felix Pryor discuss and value rare letters and books (s)
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News; Financial Report
6.30 Out of Order: Chairman Patrick Hannen is joined by MPs Julian Critchley and Austin Mitchell and guests for the last in the series of the political quiz (s) (r)
7.00 News
7.05 The Archers
7.20 File on 4: Reports on major issues at home and abroad
8.00 Science Now: This week's solar eclipse (r)
8.30 Devil's Advocate: Ian Hislop defends Satan in Milton's *Paradise Lost* (4 of 6)
8.45 In Touch: Magazine for the visually handicapped
9.15 Kaleidoscope (s) (r)
9.45 The Financial World Tonight (s) 9.58 Weather
10.00 The World Tonight (s)
10.45 A Book at Bedtime: Full House, by Molly Keane. Read by Sara Kestelman (7 of 10)
11.00 The Radio Programme, with Laurie Taylor (r)
11.30 Today in Parliament
12.00-12.30am News 12.27 Weather 12.33 Shipping Forecast

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An intrepid *Times* team test the new rail service from London to Scotland

Air wins the great race to Edinburgh

British Rail came an honourable second place in a race conducted by *The Times* between air, road and rail travel to test the newly launched InterCity 225 service from London to Edinburgh



Arrived safely: Michael Dynes, left, and Graham Patterson at Waverley station after travelling by train and plane

THE PLANE

Flying to Edinburgh yesterday took just 55 minutes in the air, but traffic jams and airport delays meant that my city centre to city centre journey turned into a frantic four-hour chase (Graham Patterson writes).

I arrived in Scotland feeling that I have had a far from relaxing journey in *The Times* race from Pall Mall to Edinburgh.

Fog had delayed my 9am British Airways shuttle flight by 20 minutes and two earlier traffic delays on the motorway towards Heathrow had made me worry that I would be late for my flight. My 55 minute taxi ride cost £29.50, modest tip included. BA issued my £103 single ticket quickly and efficiently and by 8.45 I was waiting at the departure gate when the first announcement of a delay was made.

My spirits were not improved by watery coffee and an inedible croissant sold for £1.94. The airport's catering, exploiting a captive market, is a disgrace. We finally took off at 9.20 and we were served a decent breakfast of sausage and bacon. But the Boeing 757's seats were packed too tightly to either eat or work. Every time I turned the pages of a paper I risked poking out the eye of the lady sat next to me.

At Edinburgh airport there was a 20-minute wait for my bag before I could catch a taxi (price £11.50) to the newly re-opened Balmoral Hotel (formerly the North British).

I arrived at 11.15, a full 65 minutes before my colleague on the train but I did not feel I had had a comfortable or first class journey. The total cost of my one way journey (including taxi fares came to £144.00. It took three hours 55 minutes.

THE TRAIN

British Rail's flagship InterCity 225 service yesterday completed the 393-mile trip between London and Edinburgh in 4hr 8min, slicing about 30 minutes off normal journey times (Michael Dynes writes).

After leaving their Travellers Club in Pall Mall at 7.20am, I arrived at King's Cross station 15 minutes later and in plenty of time for the 8am departure to Scotland which was, however, delayed for ten minutes.

Once on the train, I was able to sink into InterCity's new ergonomically-designed seats and place my order for breakfast, consisting of a half bottle of Champagne Pommery and a delicious traditional English fry-up at a cost of £24.60.The interior design of the new InterCity 225 is a subtle blend of greys and pinks, designed to enhance the feeling of travelling in tranquility. The arrangement of seats provides ample space for the business executive working on the journey, and more than enough room to turn the pages of a broadsheet newspaper.

Despite the initial delay, our train made good time, reaching York at 10am, Newcastle at 10.50, and Waverley Station at 12.18.

The total cost was £105.60 (first class single and breakfast) and the journey took 4 hrs 48min.

THE CAR

The excitement of counting off the miles pales after the first four hours on the motorway, I discovered yesterday (Kevin Eason writes).

The M1 and M6 suffered few delays, allowing the quick and easy journey. Starting at 7.20am meant I was on the North Circular Road and pointing my Rover 827Si executive car north on to the M1 in just 30 minutes – about half the time it might have taken later in the day.

But then the monotony set in. Mile after mile of straight road with nothing to occupy the eyes made the journey long and dull with only the stereo radio for company.

Boredom forced a driver refuelling stop after 158 miles at Keele Services, near Newcastle-under-Lyme, Staffordshire. After two hours and 40 minutes driving, there were still at least 350 miles to cover. I tucked in to a full English breakfast with orange juice and tea for comfort including a few minutes reading a copy of The Times.

The miles passed much quicker after that rest and plenty of hearty singing along to tapes of Frank Sinatra and Ella Fitzgerald helped kill the time.

By noon, 266 miles had been clocked up as I motored through Cumbria looking forward to a late lunch in Edinburgh with my fellow travellers.

But heavy rain on the hills made driving difficult and after 340 miles I needed to refuel at a Little Chef. Rang the office at 1.15pm to discover colleagues were already enjoying lunch in Edinburgh. I grabbed two cartons of orange juice and a banana, and set off in pursuit of the sweet course.


Lagging behind: Kevin Eason studying his route

Diversions from the A74, being reconstructed in to a motorway, sent me on a minor tour of Scotland, with hopes of even sweet, never mind lunch, fast disappearing. I reached Edinburgh at 2.45pm, hungry and gasping for a cold beer.

A kindly traffic warden sent me on to Princes Street where I discovered traffic on a par with the horrendous levels of London.

The journey took 7 hours 55 minutes.Costs were fuel: £30.73 approximately. Food: £5.30.Mileage: 414.

Political sketch

Death can be bad for your health

"SADLY, my Lords, with the passage of time, people die."

The Baroness Hooper (C) was in reflective mood, ranging so much more thoughtfully over the human condition than the hurly-burly of party politics in the Commons ever allows. No MP would attribute death to anything as dull as the passage of time. It would be the government's fault, if you were an Opposition member: to Tories, a secret element in Labour's next manifesto. But in the Lords yesterday, the grim reaper, and Lady Hooper, were above the party fray.

"My Lords, as to those on hospital waiting lists who do, sadly, die ... " Lord Skelmersdale, (C) impatient with philosophy, brought Lady Hooper back to earth, and her responsibilities as a health minister. The noble lord was concerned that "waiting lists are inflated by people who have died".

This caused a puzzled mooing from their lordships. He explained himself: "It can take many months to get them off the lists." Ah. Minds set at rest, peers leant back to contemplate these phantom statistics: notional queues of the recently deceased. So *that* was why waiting lists were so long. Lady Hooper agreed with him, though it was the sort of explanation a minister in the Commons would never have dared try.

It was Lord Molloy (Lab) who had started all this. He had asked: "What proportion of people on hospital waiting lists die before receiving treatment?"

According to Lady Hooper, there is no waiting list at all for patients whose condition is life-threatening: so waiting lists are composed of people who want corns removed or varicose veins treated. If so, then Lord Molloy was trying to construct a list of a bizarre sort. If you fell under a bus while waiting to have facial hair removed, you would appear on it: a list, as he himself put it, "of people who die from something else".

"Some of us," said Lord Mellish (Ind), "think this is a daft question." Another moo, this time of assent. Lord Molloy, who was MP for Ealing North, has been replaced there by the Tories' Harry Greenway, famous for his anxiety that the royal family wear proper riding hats and that envelopes in the Commons taste nice when licked. Lord Molloy's successor is Neil Kinnock's MP and Ken Livingstone's neighbour. So it may be something in the water.

But people on waiting lists do die, insisted Lord Northfield (Lab). He knew a consultant cardiologist who had told him that there had been "25 deaths in the last 12 years". It was a pity his lordship did not give us the figures for those who have died while queueing for post-age stamps, or he might have constructed an argument against personal correspon-dence, too.

It was at this point that Lord Hailsham (C) felt moved to speak. Such was the force of his argument that it is somehow impertinent to commit it to cold print. "My Lords," said this leading figure in English jurisprudence, "I'd rather have my treatment if I was going to live, than if I was going to die of something else."

Lord Ennals (a previous Labour health minister) ignored this and began to moralise, but about what was not entirely clear. Our bewilderment was interrupted by a sudden explosion from Lord Kinnaird (C). "No one is allowed to die a natural death," he spluttered, "and it might be merciful for some to be allowed to do so."

"Yes, my Lords," remarked Lady Hooper. "And I can think of a few myself." This remark was greeted with what I can only call an *ironic* moo.

MATTHEW PARRIS

Arms trade control

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certain to feature prominently. The Bush administration has made it clear that its attentions are focussed primarily on securing an end to, or at least better control of, "destabilising" conventional weapons transfers in the region. It is also keen on measures that would prevent Middle East nations from acquiring advanced surface-to-surface missile systems and chemical and biological weapons. However, it has also emphasised that every state's "legitimate right to self-defence" must be respected.

The British approach revolves around the need for a reliable, constantly updated arms sales register, preferably overseen by the UN.

Yugoslavs pull back from the brink of war

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though silent yesterday, was far from happy with the deal.

The agreement emphasises that the collective Yugoslav presidency must exercise full political control of the army, that nobody should take unilateral violent action and that talks on the future of Yugoslavia must begin by August 1. A mission from the CSCE, consisting of as many as 50 officials, is to come to Yugoslavia to monitor all potential flashpoints in Slovenia.

The most important part of the deal however was tucked away in the annexe. This declares that border crossings should be in the hands of the Slovene police obeying federal Yugoslav rule, and that customs revenue should be paid into an account jointly controlled by Yugoslavia and Slovenia. The army meanwhile will continue to patrol the "green line", the open frontier between the different border crossing points, but only for the next three months. By then a decision should be worked out.

"The Slovene flag will fly at the border and, for the next three months, so will the Yugoslav," said the prime minister, Dr Lojze Peterle. "In fact it would be good if the European flag could be hoisted too."

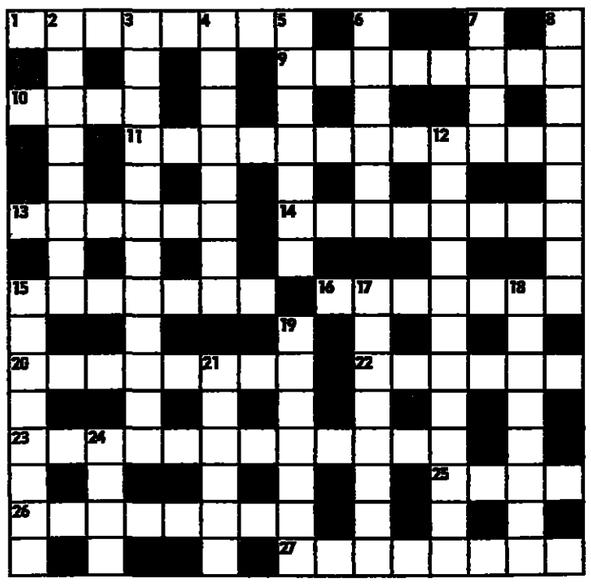
The army fought bitter battles with the Slovene resistance to gain control over these crossings; now, the European Community plan formalises the army's defeat.

TOMORROW IN THE TIMES

Caribbean conflict: The National Theatre commissioned Trinidadian playwright Mustapha Matura to write a piece about the black heroine, Mary Seacole. Instead he created *The Coup*, about an imaginary botched revolution led by a charismatic leader. It is, he says, neither anti-British nor anti-colonial, but an "honest and vivid" portrait of Trinidad. On the eve of the opening, he talks to Heather Neill about his life and work

Courtroom crooks: Claims of fraud by solicitors in England and Wales mean the profession will have to pay an estimated £163 million in compensation next year. Frances Gibb introduces a new series on dishonest lawyers

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ACROSS

1 Husband meets priest left behind in the terminal (8).
9 An old fountain like this in the yard (8).
10 Heave a mound of earth, perhaps (4).
11 Harold and May in love could create spiteful pleasure (5,7).
13 Counsellor's son's chair (6).
14 Foolish woman, some say, in the compound (8).
15 Retirement cover for existing theologian (7).
16 Horse leaves coast road in hardened snow (7).
20 Sectarian dispute about replacement of hostelry (8).
22 They go out while play is in progress (6).
23 Accuse them, if wrongly, and brave the consequences (4,3,5).
25 Hines almost abandoned New York (4).
26 Bill leaves Aintree, possibly, for this resort (8).
27 Share books retained for circulation (8).

DOWN

2 Oriental attendant who, in Paris, sits inside the coach (8).
3 Lack of foresight, using state's capital to support road set-up (12).
4 Neat, yet at first sight a fool – a contradictory figure (8).
5 Become discoloured, rather like a mountain lake? (7).
6 Shrink from using counterfeit lire to protect business (6).
7 A pound of tobacco (4).
8 Cheerful lawmaker accepts note from beautiful youth (8).
12 Fashionable container of French perfume, giving off a glow (12).
15 Make a report when player gets sack (8).
17 Deferential Sabine represented in Holy Writ (8).
18 Councillor once admitted to composing music (8).
19 By following a sudden fancy, Eliot thought the world would end with one (7).
21 Be a natural element in this place (6).
24 Nonsense, mate! (4).

Solution to Puzzle No 18,652

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WORD GAMES

A daily safari through the language jungle. Which of the possible definitions is correct?

By Philip Howard

TOMIUM
a. A Latin funeral ode
b. A silver/platinum alloy
c. A bird's bill

EYAS
a. A donkey
b. An Islamic turban
c. An unfledged hawk

CALOYER
a. A town crier
b. Sea kale
c. A Greek monk

BROMMER
a. A Birmingham City footballer
b. A brandy-runner's boat
c. The bluebottle

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WEATHER

Scotland will be cloudy with rain before becoming brighter, although still cloudy in the west and wet in the Shetlands. Northern Ireland will have bright spells, after showers. England and Wales will have bright or sunny spells. Outlook: On Wednesday, bright or sunny spells, but cloudy with rain in Northern Ireland and western Scotland. Rain spreading eastwards across British Isles on Thursday.

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	28	79	s	Luxor	37	99	s
Alicante	26	79	s	Madrid	30	86	s
Alex'dria	27	81	f	Majorca	29	84	s
Algiers	29	84	s	Malaga	26	79	s
Amst'dm	23	73	f	Malta	28	82	s
Athens	30	86	f	Melb'rne	10	50	s
Bahrain	34	93	s	Miami*	33	91	f
Bangkok	33	91	f	Milan	31	88	s
Barbados*	31	88	f	Montreal*	27	81	s
Barcelna	28	79	s	Moscow	21	70	c
Belgrade	29	84	f	Munich	28	82	s
Berlin	31	88	s	Naples	28	84	s
Bermuda*	30	86	f	N Delhi	39	102	s
Biarritz	28	82	s	N York*	25	77	r
Borde'x	23	73	c	Nice	25	77	s
Brussels	22	72	c	Oslo	27	81	s
Budapst	30	86	f	Paris	22	72	c
B Aires*	15	59	f	Peking	25	77	s
Cairo	31	88	s	Perth	14	57	s
Cape Tn	20	68	s	Prague	28	84	f
Chicago*	33	91	s	Reykjavik	19	66	f
Ch'church	11	52	f	Rhodes	28	84	s
Cologne	27	81	f	Rio de J	20	68	s
C'phgn	27	81	s	Riyadh	37	99	s
Corfu	27	81	s	Rome	27	81	s
Dublin	15	59	d	Salzburg	27	81	f
Dubrovnik	28	82	s	S F'risco*	18	64	c
Faro	30	86	s	Santiago*	15	59	c
Florence	30	86	s	S Paulo*	23	73	c
Frankfurt	18	64	s	Seoul	25	77	c
Funchal	25	77	s	St'kholm	28	82	s
Geneva	25	77	s	Strasb'rg	28	82	f
Gibraltar	25	77	s	Sydney	15	59	f
Helsinki	27	81	s	Tangier	32	90	s
Hong K	31	88	f	Tel Aviv	27	81	s
Innsbruck	29	82	f	Tenerife	27	81	s
Istanbul	27	81	s	Tokyo	34	93	f
Jeddah	32	90	f	Toronto*	28	82	f
Jo'burg*	11	52	s	Tunis	33	91	s
Karachi	32	90	c	Valencia	31	88	s
L Palmas	28	82	s	Vanc'ver*	19	66	s
La Toust	20	68	c	Venice	30	86	s
Lisbon	27	81	s	Vienna	29	82	s
Locarno	29	84	f	Warsaw	29	84	s
London	19	66	r	Wash'ton*	36	97	s
L Angels*	22	72	s	Wel'ton	11	52	c
Luxembg	24	75	f	Zurich	25	77	s

* denotes Sunday's figures are latest available

TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.23	2.08
Austria Sch	21.70	20.20
Belgium Fr	63.50	59.50
Canada $	1.575	1.525
Denmark Kr	11.92	11.17
Finland Mkk	7.42	6.97
France Fr	10.41	9.76
Germany Dm	3.08	2.88
Greece Dr	333	313
Hong Kong $	13.20	12.20
Ireland Pt	1.15	1.08
Italy Lire	2300	2150
Japan Yen	242.25	224.25
Netherlands Gld	3.465	3.245
Norway Kr	12.07	11.27
Portugal Esc	268.50	250.50
South Africa Rd	5.55	5.05
Spain Pta	192.50	179.50
Sweden Kr	11.20	10.45
Switzerland Fr	2.655	2.465
Turkey Lira	7600	6600
USA $	1.725	1.600
Yugoslavia Dnr	DNB	40.00

Rates for small denomination bank only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques.

GLASGOW

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 20C (68F); min 6pm to 6am, 15C (59F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, 1.41 in. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 1.9 hr.

ABERDEEN

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 20C (68F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 17C (63F). Humidity: 6pm, 80 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6pm, trace. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 2.2 hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6pm, 1,008.2 millibars, falling. 1,000 millibars=29.53in.

BELFAST

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 20C (68F); min 6pm to 6am, 16C (61F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, 0.08 in. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 0.9 hr.

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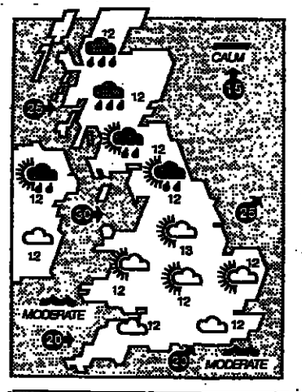
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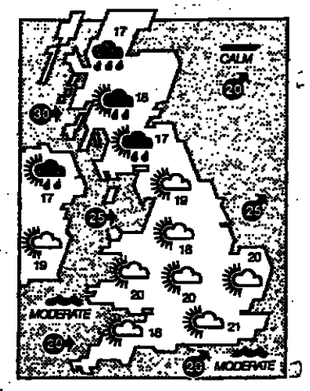
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Kent,Surrey,Sussex	702*
Dorset,Hants & IOW	703*
Devon & Cornwall	704
Wilts,Glouc,Avon,Soms	705*
Berks,Bucks,Oxon	706*
Beds,Herts & Essex	707
Norfolk,Suffolk,Cambs	708
West Mid & Sth Glam & Gwent	709*
Shrops,Herefds & Worcs	710*
Central Midlands	711*
East Midlands	712*
Lincs & Humberside	713*
Dyfed & Powys	714*
Gwynedd & Clwyd	715
N W England	716*
W & S Yorks & Dales	717*
N E England	718*
Cumbria & Lake District	719
S W Scotland	720
W Central Scotland	721
Edin S Fife/Lothian & Borders	722*
E Central Scotland	723
Grampian & E Highlands	724
N W Scotland	725
Caithness,Orkney & Shetland	726
N Ireland	727

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* Includes pollen count

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	1.6	-	20	68	cloudy
Anglesey	11.7	-	27	81	sunny
Belfast	9.5	-	23	73	sunny
Birmingham	12.0	-	25	77	sunny
Blackpool	12.7	-	28	82	sunny
Bristol	8.1	-	22	72	sunny
Buxton	12.6	-	24	75	sunny
Cardiff	5.1	.02	18	64	rain
Douglas	7.4	-	24	75	sunny
Edinburgh	1.3	.03	19	66	rain
Falmouth	-	.28	15	59	shower
Guernsey	1.3	.15	19	66	rain
Jersey	1.4	.20	18	64	rain
Leeds	7.2	-	25	77	bright
London	13.5	-	26	79	sunny
Lowestoft	7.7	.01	23	73	sunny
Manchester	14.2	-	26	79	sunny
Mineheed	4.5	.09	17	63	rain
Morecambe	12.1	-	27	81	sunny
Newquay	-	.21	16	61	rain
Nottingham	11.8	-	26	79	sunny
Poole	7.3	.05	20	68	shower
Prestwick	7.1	.01	27	81	sunny
Scarborough	7.7	.01	23	73	sunny
Scilly Isles	-	.22	15	59	fog
Southsea	11.2	-	21	70	sunny
Swanage	6.6	.02	17	63	shower
Torquay	0.9	.32	15	59	rain
Weymouth	3.9	.25	16	61	rain

These are Sunday's figures





Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

	C	F			C	F	
Belfast	17	63	c	Guernsey	18	61	c
B'mingham	16	61	r	Inverness	15	59	sh
Blackpool	18	64	r	Jersey	18	64	c
Bristol	18	64	c	London	19	66	r
Cardiff	18	64	c	M'chester	17	63	c
Edinburgh	16	61	c	Newcastle	20	68	f
Glasgow	15	59	t	N'ridaway	15	59	r

Sunday: Highest day temp: Aviemore, Highland, 28C (82F); lowest day max: Dunkeswell, Devon, 14C (57F); highest rainfall: Dunkeswell, Devon, 0.69 in; highest sunshine: Eastbourne 14.8 hr.

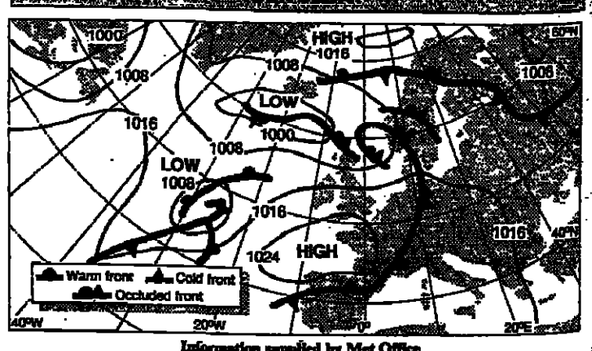
London 9.17 pm to 4.54 am
Bristol 9.27 pm to 5.05 am
Edinburgh 9.56 pm to 4.40 am
Manchester 9.37 pm to 4.52 am
Penzance 9.32 pm to 5.23 am

Sun rises: 4.54 am
Sun sets: 9.17 pm
Moon rises 1.53 am
Moon sets 7.27 pm
New Moon July 11

Tower Bridge will be lifted at 9am today.

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	—	—	12.12	6.2	Liverpool	9.30	8.4	10.03	8.5
Aberdeen	11.42	3.8	—	—	Lowestoft	7.48	2.2	8.03	2.3
Avonmouth	5.13	11.4	5.44	11.7	Margate	10.17	4.3	10.35	4.3
Belfast	9.15	3.2	9.49	3.3	Milford Haven	4.17	5.9	4.49	6.1
Cardiff	4.58	10.6	5.29	10.9	Newquay	3.14	6.0	3.44	6.1
Devonport	3.49	4.6	4.29	4.8	Oban	4.17	3.3	4.35	3.4
Dover	9.13	5.8	9.37	6.1	Penzance	2.57	4.6	3.34	4.8
Falmouth	3.19	4.4	3.59	4.6	Portland	4.55	1.5	5.31	1.7
Glasgow	11.13	4.1	11.35	4.3	Portsmouth	9.41	4.0	10.04	4.3
Harwich	10.07	3.6	10.34	3.7	Shoreham	8.25	5.4	8.56	5.7
Holyhead	8.41	4.9	9.13	5.1	Southampton	9.19	4.0	9.40	4.2
Hull	4.29	6.3	4.57	6.6	Swansea	4.25	8.2	4.57	8.5
Ilfracombe	4.09	7.8	4.34	8.0	Tees	1.49	4.7	2.14	4.9
King's Lynn	4.37	5.5	5.02	5.7	W'ton-on-Nze	10.04	3.8	10.28	3.8
Leith	12.30	4.8	1.00	4.9					

Tide in metres: 1m=3.280ft.



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BUSINESS

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Business Editor
John Bell

TUESDAY JULY 9 1991

Losses at Kelt soar to £154.3m

KELT Energy, the highly geared independent oil company, incurred losses of £154.3 million before tax last year after writing down the value of its oil and gas properties.

The company, which has agreed refinancing terms with its bankers, also announced an open offer to raise £29.1 million to finance the development of assets that have not been taken over by the banking syndicate.

Kelt's substantial deficit for the 12 months to the end of March, which compared with losses of £5.4 million in the previous year, arise from an exceptional charge of £150.8 million to reflect a permanent decline in the value of oil and gas properties, particularly in America. Economical production is no longer feasible there.

Operating profits were £3.27 million, up from £307,000, but the bulk of the rise is attributed to production from a 7.5 per cent interest in Wytch Farm, the onshore oilfield, that is now held by the banks.

Under the refinancing proposals, the banks, led by American Express, have agreed to settle Kelt's debts of £233 million, arising from the 1988 takeover of Carless Capel, in return for the Wytch Farm interest and other exploration and production interests. Kelt's shares, worth 77p in 1988, fell from 2½p to 1¼p yesterday.

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Carclo falls

Pre-tax profits at Carclo Engineering dropped by 8.9 per cent to £8 million in the year to end-March. The final dividend is increased to 6.1p (5.55p) to give a total of 7.81p (7.1p), an increase of 10 per cent.

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Mosaic surges

Mosaic Investments, the diversified mini-conglomerate, lifted pre-tax profits from £4.8 million to £7.6 million in the year to April 30. Earnings per share improved from 28.66p to 32.39p. A final dividend of 5.75p makes 9.25p (7.25p).

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THE POUND

US dollar
1.6280 (+0.0115)
German mark
2.9485 (–0.0041)
Exchange index
90.0 (+0.2)

STOCK MARKET

FT 30 Share
1891.3 (–20.5)
FT-SE 100
2466.8 (–17.9)
New York Dow Jones
2920.39 (–12.08)*
Tokyo Nikkei Avge
22176.17 (–722.17)

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:

Domino	329p (+12p)
Blenheim Group	847½p (+8p)
Barlow Rand	882½p (+53p)
Flogas	195p (+10p)

FALLS:

Tate & Lyle	375p (–10p)
ADT	617½p (–22p)
Reuters	741½p (–9p)
Broken Hill	599½p (–9p)
BWI	145½p (–12p)
Camdam	327½p (–9p)
British Aerospace	566½p (–9p)
Mountleigh	251½p (–10p)
Campari	327½p (–9p)
Wellcome	691p (–8p)
More O'Ferrall	240p (–19p)
Lloyds Abbey	382½p (–9p)
Whitbread 'A'	459p (–10p)
Guinness	953p (–12p)
Grand Met	746½p (–11p)
Nat West	295½p (–9p)

INTEREST RATES

London: Bank Base: 11½%
3-month Interbank 11$^{3}_{32}$-11$^{1}_{32}$%
3-month eligible bills:10$^{11}_{16}$-10$^{5}_{16}$%
US: Prime Rate 8½%
Federal Funds 5$^{13}_{16}$%*
3-month Treasury Bills 5.57-5.56%*
30-year bonds 95$^{27}_{32}$-95%*

CURRENCIES

London:	New York:
£: $1.6280	£: $1.6285*
£: DM2.9485	$: DM1.8114*
£: SwFr2.5453	$: SwFr1.5625*
£: FFr10.0094	$: FFr6.1455*
£: Yen225.94	$: Yen138.73*
£: Index90.0	$: Index88.2
ECU £0.696364	SDR £0.814472
£: ECU1.436030	£: SDR1.227789

GOLD

London Fixing:
AM $371.35 pm-$370.25
close $370.15-370.65 (£227.50-228.00)
New York:
Comex $371.95-372.45*

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent (July) ..... $19.00 bbl (18.70)
* Denotes latest trading price

RETAIL PRICES

RPI: 133.5 May (1987=100)

★★★★★★

Court told losses of holding company in Luxembourg amounted to $526m

BCCI to be probed by Fraud Office

By NEIL BENNETT, BANKING CORRESPONDENT

THE Serious Fraud Office is to investigate the Bank of Credit and Commerce International, after the Bank of England said it had found a massive fraud.

The SFO decision came after reading a report from Price Waterhouse, the accountant, which the Bank of England sent to the office last week.

A Luxembourg court, meanwhile, revealed that BCCI losses exceed its entire capital, making it illiquid. The court confirmed the freeze of the bank's assets and appointed Brian Smouha, of Touche Ross, as an administrator.

The court said the losses of the bank's holding company amounted to $526 million last December, while it had capital of only $368 million.

The SFO said it would work with the City of London police, but the office could not say how long the investigation will take. The office's investigators are also likely to take evidence from Touche Ross, the accountant, which was appointed as the bank's provisional liquidator last Friday.

The Price Waterhouse report is thought to show that BCCI used a secret bank within the group to disguise losses from bad debts and capital markets trading, and conceal deposits.

Touche Ross has started work round the world trying to assess the state of the bank's balance sheet.

In the City, a team of Touche accountants moved into BCCI's head office where they were helped by 30 of the bank's senior management including Azizullah Chaudhury, the head of BCCI's British operations.

Touche has been inundated by calls from the holders of BCCI's 120,000 savings accounts.

In spite of the international action against BCCI, led by the Bank of England, many branches of BCCI are still operating. In Pakistan, where BCCI was founded in 1972, depositors crowded into branches in Karachi, Rawalpindi and Lahore and withdrew an estimated $20 million.

The State Bank of Pakistan said that BCCI had not violated any banking rules in the country and there was no complaint against it. Khalil Hasan, BCCI's treasury manager in Pakistan, said the bank could meet all its deposits of $143 million. Withdrawals have been limited to $4,000 on each account.

In Hong Kong the banking authorities ordered BCCI to close its branches, overturning a decision to allow them to trade.

In Switzerland, the Banque de Commerce et de Placements, a BCCI offshoot, is staying open, after the Swiss authorities ensured it had enough capital, and limited inter-group exposure, and could support its deposits. Price Waterhouse has been appointed to supervise BCP.

In Britain, CCL Financial Group, a life and pensions group, assured its investors that it would continue trading in spite of having part of its assets frozen in the BCCI collapse. The trade and industry department said it is investigating CCL's financial position.

Aziz Khan, the group's managing director, said that all shareholding links with BCCI were severed last year when the ruler of Abu Dhabi took control of the bank.

Mr Khan stressed that while BCCI were CCL's bankers, only a small proportion of CCL's assets of £200 million had been frozen and Kleinwort Benson held the investment funds. He promised that any uncashed BCCI cheques from the group would be replaced ones drawn on a Midland Bank account.

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PETER TRIEVNOR



City protest: BCCI staff gather round Keith Vaz, Labour MP for Leicester East, outside the Bank yesterday, as he listened to their complaints

Newspapers in UAE stay silent

IN THE United Arab Emirates, newspapers have had nothing to say about Sheikh Zayed's massive personal interest in the BCCI. The state-controlled broadcasting organisations, which usually follow western financial stories avidly, have not even mentioned the scandal.

Sheikh Zayed, President of the UAE, leads a local syndicate owning a 77 per cent share in the bank, worth more than $1 billion.

The only public mention of his involvement has been a reference by the national newsagency to a "private visit" he is making to Europe. The agency noted only that the Swiss charge d'affaires in the UAE would be among a party of sheikhs, ministers, and senior officials.

But western diplomats have been told that the UAE government feels badly let down. Ministers say they should have been warned of the bank's closure, but they have been told that world central banks act independently of individual governments.

Publicly, businessmen and government offices have stressed the separation between BCCI and its local subsidiaries.

Angry employees besiege Bank demanding access to accounts

By OUR BANKING CORRESPONDENT

ANGRY British employees of the Bank of Credit and Commerce International yesterday besieged the Bank of England, demanding access to their accounts at the bank, which were all frozen on Friday afternoon.

Up to 100 BCCI staff gathered on the pavement outside the Bank of England in Threadneedle Street. A delegation met officials from the Bank and Touche Ross, the liquidators, during the afternoon to demand some emergency financial support.

BCCI's 1,200 British staff all held accounts at the bank as a condition of their employment. Many also had savings accounts and mortgage accounts with the bank and face the prospect of losing everything. Dominic Teuma, chairman of the new BCCI Forgotten Staff Committee, said employees needed immediate access to funds. "We don't know about our money and we don't know about our jobs," he said.

Keith Vaz, Labour MP for Leicester East, lent his support to the demonstrators. "I am very concerned that investors and employees are not being fully informed," he said. "We need to have an enquiry into how authorities were negotiating the creation of a new bank when there was an investigation of fraud going on."

Representatives from BCCI's depositors were barred from the meeting with staff, after the Bank told them to contact Touche Ross.

Maureen Devine Palit, who is forming a depositors' action group, said she was taking legal advice on whether depositors could take action against the Bank for freezing BCCI's assets.

All the staff said they had been shocked by the closure last Friday, when they were given minutes to leave the BCCI's 25 branches. Only a few weeks before, staff had been told by their managers that BCCI was reorganising and that although there would be some redundancies, it would be renamed the First European Bank, and incorporated in Britain. All claimed they had no knowledge of a fraud.

Mr Teuma who worked in the BCCI's British head office in the City, said: "The bank was moving forward. Rather than suspecting something was wrong we thought we were going to be well away."

Officials monitor tax moves

By ANGELA MACKAY

OFFICERS from the Customs and Excise and Inland Revenue investigators are closely monitoring BCCI's collapse and allegations that the bank helped depositors evade payment of value-added tax and composite rate tax.

Both departments said it was too soon to say that formal enquiries had commenced. Representatives, however, said that they were watching developments closely.

Senior BCCI executives are said to have told the Bank of England and Touche Ross, BCCI's liquidators, that business people who had close relatives living in another country where BCCI had branches were allowed to deposit cash in the relative's name to evade paying a proportion of VAT.

The bank would give them a loan for the same amount, charging a management fee of between 1 per cent and 1.5 per cent on top. The other benefit of the scheme was that it helped the businessman escape paying composite rate tax on deposits. None of the participants in the scheme were sent statements on the allegedly fraudulent accounts.

Most of the British account holders of BCCI are Pakistani and Indian business people, but there is no indication of how many were offered the facilities or how many accepted the offer.

One of those involved in the overall investigation said participants in the scheme undoubtedly held other legitimate accounts with BCCI and would be facing unspecified losses.

He said questions may be asked about the rights of these people to legitimate claims for cash frozen in the accounts if they were found to be colluding in a VAT and tax evasion scheme.

EC to monitor national economies

From A CORRESPONDENT IN BRUSSELS

FINANCE ministers have agreed that the European Commission should review, and even advise on, national economic policies before economic and monetary union in the Community.

Norman Lamont, the Chancellor, supporting the move, said he did not see such "multilateral surveillance" as an encroachment on national sovereignty. The United Kingdom was "making its contribution to the achievement of economic convergence in the Community".

"But we remain firmly of the view that economic policy is ultimately the responsibility of member states," he added.

Under the new rules, European Community members would submit their medium-term economic policies to the Commission in October. Finance ministers would meet twice a year to consider the plans, and, if necessary, take action against nations falling short of expectations.

A British official said EC structural funds could be withheld from member states in default of their economic policies. The countries that cause the Commission most concern are those with heavy public deficits and high inflation: Italy, Greece and Portugal.

Greece, which has received an Ecu2.2 billion medium-term loan from the EC, has already submitted its economic plan for approval. Among a list of requirements, the commission has told the Greek government it must lay off more than 80,000 civil servants. Italy has also given details of its planning for the next three years.



Lamont: supporting EC

A spokesman for Mr Lamont said the government would probably give the Commission its medium-term financial strategy, which is always released as part of the Budget in March. He said the Chancellor's autumn statement would not have much relevance for the Commission, as it concerned mostly short-term policy and the outcome of the annual public spending round.

The spokesman added that the Commission was not proposing to open up Britain's Budget-making process, which, compared with that of other member states, is secretive.

Mr Lamont took the opportunity to say the government felt economic recovery in Britain would begin in the second half. He said Britain has the right policies in place to bring inflation down to the level of the EC's low-inflation countries.

Europe fails to agree trading rules

From TOM WALKER IN BRUSSELS

European Community finance ministers have failed to agree on a directive to establish common share-trading rules among member states.

John Redwood, corporate affairs minister, said yesterday the government would only approve an agreement that would genuinely extend the opportunities of British brokerages in the EC after 1992. He gave a warning that over-regulation could damage the City of London and other big financial centres.

"If we get this wrong . . . business will drain away," he said. The proposal, better known as the "investment passport", has been beset by a seemingly interminable wrangle between member states for more than a year and patience is wearing thin on most sides. The new Dutch presidency of the EC has even said it will drop the directive from its presidential agenda if progress is not made soon. That could mean any legislation being held up for another six months, which would be a blow to Sir Leon Brittan, competition commissioner, who hopes to have a single European market in financial services in time for 1992.

The Dutch have tried to bridge what essentially is a North-South rift over the directive. Northern member states are in favour of trading being opened up with a minimum of regulation, while France, Spain, Italy and Portugal want share trading restricted to official stock exchanges, with curbs on "off-bourse" transactions.

The southern states have always suspected that a liberalised directive would disproportionately favour Britain and Germany, who between them have 80 per cent of the EC's market capitalisation.

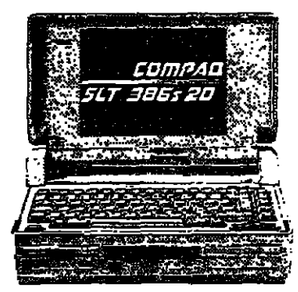
The Dutch are trying to persuade these southern states that the disclosure requirements they seek in the directive would make it nearly impossible for market-makers to function. But in return for more flexibility on disclosure, the northern states are being asked to agree that the majority of cross-border equities trading be carried out on official stock exchanges, including London's successful Seaq International, as well as the traditional exchanges themselves.

Mr Redwood said French investors themselves were clamouring for opportunities to trade off-bourse, and that the French government was taking an unrealistic position. He said Britain, The Netherlands and Germany had already made a substantial compromise on disclosure by agreeing that details of all deals should be kept for five years for audit purposes.

The Dutch have proposed that the directive should include an opt-out clause in the directive for large institutions wanting to trade privately off-bourse. They argue the small investor is protected on regulated markets, while big investors know the risks involved in off-bourse transactions.

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Retailers call for bold rates cut as sales revised lower

By COLIN NARBROUGH, ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

FINAL retail sales and credit figures for May underlined the lack of consumer confidence and prompted calls from retailers for an immediate cut of at least one percentage point in the interest rate to kick start the economy.

Norman Lamont, the Chancellor, reaffirmed that he still expects a consumer-led recovery in the second half of this year, but the official data contained no pointers to an imminent bounce-back.

The figures showed a seasonally-adjusted fall of 0.5 per cent in retail sales in May, against the 0.3 per cent drop first reported. Consumers, meanwhile, reduced the amount they owe on credit deals by a record £36 million.

City analysts saw the data as confirmation of worsened trading conditions after a brief jump in consumer confidence after the Gulf war and a Budget-related spending spree.

The revision to the May volume sales data deepened the gloom about the retail sector. The Retail Consortium, which represents the bulk of retailers, called for a cut of at least a percentage point in base rates. A spokeswoman said the "drip-drip" reduction of interest rates had not restored confidence. Bolder measures were needed.

Nigel Whittaker, chairman of the Confederation of British Industry's distributive trades survey, identified "no sign of uplift in retailing yet". He said many retailers were not expecting anything to happen until next year.

The record decrease in May in the amount outstanding on credit agreements with consumers came after an increase of £335 million in April, as shoppers sought to beat value-added tax increases announced in the Budget.

New credit advanced to consumers fell from £4.3 billion in April to £4 billion in May, which was stronger than City expectations, but evidence of retrenchment was seen in a £76 million decrease in outstanding credit card debt.

In the latest three months, retail sales were 1 per cent above the previous three months, but 0.9 per cent down on last year. The period was distorted by VAT and duty changes. This month is expected to provide the first undistorted monthly figures.

Robert Lind, economist at UBS Phillips & Drew, said the return to the more depressed picture for retail sales seen at the start of 1991 added weight to the argument for lower interest rates.

Friday , the day after the Bundesbank council meeting, is probably the earliest the government could cut interest rates, provided retail price figures show annual inflation continuing to slow.

Thurgar chief is suspended

CLIFFORD Nye has been suspended as chief executive of Thurgar Bardex, maker of plastic window and door products, after his family accepted a £9 million hostile bid from Heywood Williams for a 17.7 per cent stake. Heywood Williams, Britain's largest glass distributor, yesterday secured acceptance undertakings for a further 2.5 per cent. The cash and shares offer, worth 43p, was rejected by Thurgar Bardex.

Payout raised

Pre-tax profits at Daejan Holdings, the property group, fell 15.5 per cent to £16.4 million in the year to end-March. Rental income has gone up and the final dividend has been raised to 16p (15p) to give a total of 24p (23p).

Strong & Fisher

Strong & Fisher (Holdings) expects to have eliminated the £7.43 million loss incurred in the six months to December 31, 1990, by the end of its 18-month period to December 31, 1991, and not by June 30, 1991, as reported in some editions yesterday.

Reliance rises

RELIANCE Security reported pre-tax profits up 27 per cent to £3.5 million in the year to April 26. The final dividend is increased from 5.2p to 6.2p, giving a total of 8.4p (7p). The shares jumped 11p to 229p.

Lilley to press cars quota case

By ROSS TIEMAN INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

PETER Lilley, the trade secretary, resumes his lobbying of Brussels today on behalf of Japanese car companies manufacturing in Britain.

Mr Lilley appears determined to ensure that cars built in the UK avoid import quotas in European Community member states, although he is prepared to concede that some countries may maintain quotas on vehicles imported from Japan itself.

The issue is of growing importance. Nissan, Toyota, Honda and IBC, a joint venture between General Motors of America and Isuzu of Japan, are investing a total of £2 billion in UK plants with a capacity of more than half a million vehicles a year.

The Commission has agreed that there will be no direct restrictions on the sale of these cars within the Community. However some states want them included within overall quotas.



Trade drive: Lilley fights for UK-made Japanese cars

Rival bid for Macarthy may attract legal action

By OUR CITY STAFF

MEDICOPHARMA, the pharmaceutical distributor, is preparing to take legal action should its supply agreement with Macarthy, the drug retailer and manufacturer, be threatened by the intervention of a third party in the battle for control of Macarthy.

The Dutch group, which paid £15.8 million for Macarthy's wholesale division last summer, is concerned at reports that AAH and Uni-Chem, which dominate drugs distribution in Britain, may be thinking of launching bids for Macarthy, which is currently resisting a £56.5 million offer from Grampian Holdings.

As part of its deal with Medicopharma, Macarthy signed a five-year agreement to take the bulk of drug supplies from the Dutch group.

John Baseley, who heads Medicopharma's British operations, gave warning that he would not hesitate to take legal action if there was any attempt to break the supply deal.

This weekend, Macarthy published its final defence document, focusing on its interim results. For the six months to end-March, Macarthy reported a 15 per cent rise in pre-tax profits to £2.8 million. An interim dividend of 5p was maintained.

John Read, the chairman, described Grampian's bid as ill-judged and opportunistic.

Grampian's formal response is expected mid-week. Bill Hughes, the chief executive, said yesterday he viewed the figures with suspicion.

Woolley chosen at Beazer

By MICHAEL TATE, CITY EDITOR



Woolley: to head CHB

ROGER Woolley, chief executive of DRG, the paper and packaging group, until its acquisition by Pembridge Investments in 1989, will head Beazer's Europen operations after their demerger in September.

Mr Woolley will become non-executive chairman of CHB Group, which will comprise Beazer's British housebuilding and construction activities, its Beazer Kier international civil engineering business and the group's property arm. The group is being floated to help reduce Beazer's debts of about £1 billion.

Remaining executive jobs are internal, with Terry Upsall and John Bennett, currently chairman and finance director of Beazer Europe & Overseas, becoming chief executive and finance director of the new company. The four division managing directors involved will become executive directors of CHB.

Stanelco reverses into MMEC

By MARTIN BARROW

SHAREHOLDERS in Merchant Manufactory Estate Company will be left with 10 per cent of the troubled property group after a reverse takeover by Stanelco, a private industrial concern.

Banks will hold a further 10 per cent in return for the cancellation of loans and guarantees. The balance will be held by Howard White and Ian Davis, the vendors of Stanelco, which makes induction heating equipment.

On completion, the company will change its name to Stanelco and its shares, suspended at ¾p last month, are expected to resume trading on August 16.

The company was floated on the Unlisted Securities Market in April 1988, valued at £25.7 million. Two years later MMEC passed dividend payments after incurring pre-tax losses of £3.36 million. In spite of a £2 million rights issue last November, the company was unable to meet repayments due on borrowings of £13.6 million last April.

In its last financial year Stanelco earned pre-tax profits of £157,000 on turnover of £1.6 million. Profits have averaged £200,000 over the past three years. The combined companies will have net assets of £425,000.

Greenbank warns of lower sales

WALKER Greenbank, the wallcoverings company that thwarted attempts by its largest shareholder to gain control this year, has given a warning of lower group sales.

David Richards, the chairman, described trading conditions as "very difficult". Bloom Signs, a subsidiary, had suffered "a sudden and severe downturn in orders in the second quarter and the staff was cut by 25 per cent".

Sales were also lower in the wallcoverings division but there were signs that the decline was starting to slow.

The company has sold 18 subsidiaries in less than two years to cut borrowings and concentrate on core businesses. It has agreed terms with a trade buyer for Gimsons Tendercare.

In April, the board defeated a challenge from Aubin, holder of 27.4 per cent of the ordinary shares, to appoint five non-executive directors.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Brent Walker dismisses Lonrho approach

BRENT Walker, the troubled leisure group, yesterday acknowledged that Lonrho, the international trading group, had made an indirect approach to the company, but cast doubts on its seriousness.

Brent Walker said Lonrho had sent a facsimile to Standard Chartered, Brent Walker's lead bank. The bank had subsequently passed a copy on to Lord Kindersley, the group's chairman. Brent Walker said in a Stock Exchange statement that even if Lonrho's letter had been addressed to the Brent Walker board, it contained insufficient detail "to be capable of serious consideration" by the board. Lonrho, which is headed by Tiny Rowland, would not comment on whether the facsimile was supposed to be a formal approach. A spokesman said that Lonrho's interest in Brent Walker was as a holder of part of the £102 million capital bond issue.

Profits drop at Bucknall

REDUNDANCY and rationalisation costs of £468,000 hit profits at Bucknall Group, the USM quantity surveyor. Pre-tax profits fell 21 per cent to £1.2 million in the year to end-April. David Bucknall, chairman, said trading conditions were among the worst he had seen in 34 years. The final dividend stays at 3.5p, making a total of 4.8p (3.5p).

Tate & Lyle raises £93m

TATE & Lyle is funding its acquisition of Bundaberg Sugar, the Australian group, through a £93 million issue of 5¾ per cent bonds due in 2001, priced at 59.25 per cent, and 18,600 warrants, priced at £882.50. Proceeds of the new issues will form a single series with bonds and warrants launched earlier this year. Closing is scheduled for July 16.

API holds dividend

API Group is to maintain the final dividend as part of its defence against a £25.8 million hostile bid from NMC Group, a rival packaging company. The pledge is made in spite of API's £849,000 pre-tax losses in the six months to end-March. No full-year forecast has been made.

The losses compared with profits of £817,000 in the previous opening half, but the interim dividend was unchanged at 2.75p a share. A maintained final dividend of 4p would make an unchanged total of 6.75p for the third year running. NMC has offered 17 new shares for every ten API shares held, valuing them at 116p each. Yesterday shares traded unchanged at 107p while NMC shares slipped 1p to 67p.

Creighton's sales at £11m

PROFITS at Creighton's Naturally, the toiletries maker, rose from £243,000 before tax to £720,000 in the year to March 31. Sales rose by nearly 40 per cent to £11 million, helped by an £850,000 increase in exports. Earnings rose from 3.5p a share to 10.4p. A final dividend of 4.4p a share makes 6.2p for the year, compared with 5.6p.

Board moves at Saatchi

CHARLES Scott has been appointed to the new post of chief operating officer at Saatchi & Saatchi. He is currently finance director and retains main board responsibility for finance. Simon Mellor has lost his place on the board and will become commercial director of Saatchi & Saatchi International, the advertising agency.

Agnew to join Explaura

RUDOLPH Agnew, who last month resigned from Hanson's board, is poised to become chairman of Explaura Holdings, a Canadian limestone quarry group, quoted at 17p. David Singleton, a former managing director of ARC UK, has been asked by Explaura's main shareholders to join Mr Agnew, a lifelong business colleague, on Explaura's board. ARC is part of Consolidated Gold Fields, formerly chaired by Mr Agnew and taken over by Hanson in 1989.

Mr Agnew said he hoped to develop fresh opportunities for Explaura, which had suffered from the American building recession. David Finch, current Explaura chairman, and Inco, a Canadian mining group that owns 6 per cent, asked Mr Agnew to help give Explaura a new direction.

UNLISTED SECURITIES

1991 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Chge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
28	21	ASB Barrett	23	28	–	–	–	5.4
94	38	ASD	73	78	–	–	–	–
21	11	ATA Telecom	19	23	–	1.3p	10.8	–
18	2	Abacus Group	11	14	–	–	–	–
18	12	Aberdeen Pet	17	18½	–	–	–	24.3
36	23	Aberdeen Stk Hse	28	35	–	–	–	43.4
200	166	Accl	193	197	-1	7.2	3.7	9.5
16	12	Acorn Comp	13	14	-1	–	–	–
170	120	Acrypsys	120	130	-2	6.4	4.9	7.9
142	102	Alex Pirie	104	106	–	4.1	3.8	18.6
41	31	Allegheny	28	33	–	–	–	1.7
142	98	Allen	116	120	-6	9.5	8.5	7.6
49	29	Amberley Gp	46	50	–	2.0	5.5	15.2
19	12	Anglo Pac Res	11	14	–	–	–	–
13w	2w	Apollo Watch Prods	2w	3w	–	–	–	3.2
165	130	App Holographics	135	145	–	–	–	–
10	7	Ashtead	140	150	-2	5.5	3.8	5.3
165	85	Aspen Comms	135	145	–	10.6p	7.5	6.6
33s	29½	Aspray	29	275	–	6.5	2.4	14.5
5	3	Assoc Energy	4	5	–	–	–	–
55	40	Assoc Farmers	48	50	–	–	–	–
100	69	Assoc Nursing	75	80	–	4.0	5.1	9.0
23	11	Atlantic Soc	–	–	–	–	–	–
772	648	Atlas Equipment	750	765	-2	28.0	3.4	17.2
1	1	Audit General	–	–	–	0.4†	–	–
53	33	Autograph	51	55	–	1.9	3.5	8.6
25	14	BBB Design	18	21	–	2.8e	14.0	3.7
8	4	BDC	5	7	–	–	–	–
115	36	BLP Group	28	34	–	1.7	5.7	–
51	37	BMD	47	51	–	2.3	4.6	17.2
45	39	Benrose	38	45	–	1.3	5.9	2.8
65	22	Beckman	58	61	–	1.3	–	–
136	85	Bedford (William)	134	135	–	3.7	2.7	10.8
136	85	Bensons Crisps	134	135	–	3.7	2.7	10.8
280	148	Berry,Birch & Noble	270	280	-5	6.2	2.2	10.1
280	148	Better Costs Prods	270	280	-5	6.2	2.2	20.0
72	70	Bidvest,Leibmann	72	75	–	4.0	5.7	14.9
21	12	Bio Isolates	18	20	–	–	–	13.9
11	5	Blacks	9	11	–	–	–	23.2
107	68	Blackley Motors	98	102	–	10.5	10.2	7.5
43	28	Blaxland Toys	42	43	–	–	–	8.6
33	24	Border TV	32	33	–	2.8	8.6	16.1
285	149	Borland	269	275	-16	–	–	–
182	130	Boultons Intl	176	180	–	8.5	4.8	8.6
60	40	Br Bloodstock	52	56	–	–	–	5.2
9	4	Br Thornton	–	–	–	–	–	–
58	28	Brampton Hldgs	55	58	–	1.5	2.7	52.5
99	29	Bsb Resources	93	95	-5	–	–	59.0
39	33	Business Tech	35	39	-5	2.8	7.2	20.4
13	4	CCS Gp	3	5	–	–	–	–
226	131	CML Micro	206	213	-6	3.6	1.7	11.5
18	17	CPU Comp	17	18	-1	0.6	3.4	10.9
136	116	Cav & Regional	116	126	–	1.5	1.2	10
215	154	Chalfa Gp	195	205	+2	6.0	2.9	15.5
90	80	Channel Phoenix	82	90	–	1.8	2.2	75.0
135	85	Chubby Bros	85	90	–	2.6	2.8	12.0
233	188	Clarke Comm	215	225	-3	11.3	5.1	9.2
111	85	Classic Motor	102	108	-2	4.7	4.5	10.1
74	73	Clearwell	73	75	–	3.5	4.8	8.2
83	55	Clinkens Man	71	75	-1	4.6	13.9	–
196	95	Clubhaus Group	191	196	–	8.1	5.8	14.0
9w	6w	Coal & Allied	–	–	–	–	–	–
88	35	City of Lon	43	46	–	4.1	8.6	9.4
88	48	Clarke Foods	54	56	–	2.7	5.1	18.5
78	41	Clarke Hooper	49	51	–	6.8	13.1	5.5
108	15	Clearmark	13	18	–	–	–	–
165	115	Colourvision	120	125	–	7.5	6.0	11.7
21	7	Co of Designers	13	17	–	0.3	4.3	–
21	14	Comex	17	19	–	–	–	–
97	67	Conroy Pet	92	97	+2	–	–	–
48	31	Cook (DG)	46	48	–	1.9p	6.6	4.7
19	12	Cooper Clarke	17	19	–	1.8	9.0	2.9
34	33	Cranmore	33	34	–	3.3	7.0	9.5
18	15	Crib Services	15	18	–	–	–	9.1
139	58	Crompborn	58	62	–	2.6	4.1	8.9
18	12	Cumbernauld	15	18	–	–	–	–
103	67	Cumpslick	67	70	–	6.7	8.7	7.5
2	2	Cuxton Lodge	2	3	–	–	–	–
253	149	Crayton Mot	193	200	+2	7.7	3.9	56.8
50	40	Crossmedia Dl Gp	40	45	–	–	–	46.4
55	52	Crown Cbrs	52	55	–	4.8	4.7	7.2
5	2	Crown Eye	–	–	–	–	–	–
78	28	Danes (DY)	72	77	–	–	–	1.8
150	70	Datrax	71	77	–	–	–	14.1
150	135	Dawsons Elec	135	140	–	7.5	5.6	10.4
		Diamond Gp			–	13p	–	–
61	61	Dolphin Packaging	135	145	–	5.7	4.1	12.3
470	466	Druck	460	500	–	11.7	2.1	14.4
28	20	Dunlop	23	27	-1	5.5	4.8	15.9
45	35	Dudley Jenkins	25	27	-2	2.7	8.6	6.3
138	92	EW Pest	122	132	–	5.1	4.1	13.7
35	7	Eagle	11	17	–	–	–	–
21	11	Ecli	17	18	–	–	–	–
21	5	Ell Gp	18	19	–	–	–	–
21	17	Elm Oil & Gas	18	19	–	–	–	–
135	85	Elsdale Pope 'A'	115	120	-2	6.5	5.4	9.1
135	115	Emis	125	135	–	11.6	8.6	7.4
218	218	Env Group	218	225	–	13.4	6.2	6.8
47	20	Expedier Plc	19	23	–	1.3	6.2	–
29	14	Explora Hldgs	17p	19	+1p	–	–	10.5
184	12	Fairbairn Int	15p	18p	–	–	–	–
330	41	Faraway London	41	45	–	4.4p	9.8	11.2
330	248	Fenpak	320	330	–	18.4	5.7	17.1
34	30	Fenpak	32	34	–	1.8	5.7	8.2
4	2	Fenwick	2	3	–	–	–	–
21	11	Fernend	11	19	–	–	–	–
21	11	Fields (Ilkley)	11	19	–	–	–	–
21	21	Filtrex	21	24	–	–	–	–
14	7	Firebrand	7	11	–	–	–	–
182	107	Firebrand	105	110	–	2.5	1.9	10.5
73	41	Forward Gp	72	76	–	2.5	3.5	11.5
139	108	Freeman Gp	115	125	–	11.2	9.6	6.9
49	39	French Cons	48	52	–	3.4	7.2	38.8
39	30	Fuller Smith 'A'	48	52	–	2.1	2.9	17.0
28	18	GCK Gp	18	28	–	2.3	–	–
20	20	GMS Gp	20	25	–	2.5	5.1	14.5
30	30	Gibbins	30	35	–	2.5	5.6	7.8
30	30	Gibbins Lyons	30	35	–	2.5	5.6	7.8
170	170	Gibbs Mew	165	175	–	9.6	5.5	8.9
28	18	Global	17	20	–	0.7	3.7	6.3
228	185	Great Southern	205	212	–	11.3	5.4	15.7
152	105	Green (Ernest)	135	138	–	5.3	7.5	4.7
11	4	Greenalls Comm	9	11	–	0.4	4.3	19.4
11	6	Greenwich Comm	7	9	–	0.7	1.4	–
11	6	Guiddhouse	8	9	–	–	–	–
186	129	Hadleigh Inds	127	130	-1	6.7	5.7	7.2
32	8	Halls Homes	8	9	–	1.3	21.7	–
288	288	Hampden Newsagen	288	292	–	8.3	1.5	12.9
221	11	Handley Walker	11	13	–	1.3	12.2	6.8
29	11	Hanway Leisure	11	13	–	–	–	–
29	12	Hawthorns Leslie	12	14	–	–	–	–
285	228	Hawtings	228	240	–	4.1	1.8	27.9
170	170	do 'A' LV	170	180	–	4.1	2.4	21.7
21	16	Hedges	16	18	–	–	–	–
21	12	Hemdean	12	14	–	0.6	7.5	5.0
21	15	Hoey & Croft	15	18	–	–	–	–
21	21	Holden	21	24	–	–	–	7.1
135	75	Holdens Tech	75	80	–	8.0	10.7	10.1
21	21	Honeycombe Gp	21	24	–	–	–	–
230	180	Hornby	210	220	–	12.0	6.1	6.6
11	4	Hughes Food	4	6	+½	–	–	0.41
242	105	Hundleigh Tech	230	235	–	4.0	1.8	17.2
133	50	IMSTEM	72	75	-1	3.8	4.8	5.5
21	16	Imco	16	18	–	–	–	–
240	63	Intercare Gp	230	235	–	2.5	2.6	23.5
240	63	Interlink Express	230	235	–	11.2	4.7	9.9
179	2	Intl Comms & Data	134	15	–	–	–	6.5
2	2	Intl Media	2	3	–	–	–	–
4	3	Intl Resort	3	4	–	–	–	6.2
19	19	J&D Group	19	21	–	–	–	–
9	5	Kemp (FE)	6	7	–	–	–	–
3	3	Kenmare Res	3	14	–	–	–	–
282	165	Kewill Systems	270	277	-5	0.7	2.4	8.8
83	41	LPA Ind	43	46	-1	4.7	10.2	7.8
268	182	Lambert	242	245	–	13.0	6.1	7.7
21	21	Lazer-Scan	21	24	–	–	–	4.8
21	21	Lennig	21	24	–	–	–	–
135	98	Lincoln Hse	98	102	–	5.6	5.5	8.1
135	98	Lon & Clydesde	135	140	–	6.7	4.8	21.5
135	98	Lon Forfaiting	135	140	–	6.7	4.8	21.5
178	76	MMT Comp	178	178	–	4.6	2.6	18.8
178	76	MTL Instruments	178	178	+1	4.6	2.6	18.8
21	15	Magnetic Materials	15	18	–	–	–	12.5
21	8	Marsh Gp	11	14	–	–	–	–
21	11	Marylebone	11	14	–	–	–	–
21	11	Mayborn	11	14	–	–	–	–
265	160	Melrose-Serals	220	232	+4	10.9	4.6	7.8
21	21	Merchant Mard Ed	21	24	–	2.1	8.6	8.4
21	21	Merrydown Wine	21	24	–	–	–	2.3
21	21	Metal Bulletin	21	24	–	–	–	8.2
21	21	Metcom	21	24	–	–	–	8.2
21	21	Microtec	21	24	–	–	–	10.5
21	21	Microvitec	21	24	–	–	–	–
149	21	Midland Sport Res	21	24	–	0.4	2.8	–
21	21	Midlim Gp	21	24	–	2.1	10.7	3.4
17	9	Morris Ashby	9	11	–	0.3	3.3	12.5
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41	41	Newcastle Exp	41	43	–	2.6	6.1	6.4
617	617	Newmarket Racecrse	617	617	–	41.0	6.6	15.1
148	48	Nichols	48	52	–	2.2	4.2	7.8
41	41	Nicholson Gp	41	43	–	2.6	6.1	6.4
21	21	Nicholson Gp	21	24	–	–	–	–

Blurring the EC's last great vision

COMMENT

Political noise within the European Community is generated almost entirely by the next stage in the vision of a new Europe: economic and monetary union. Meanwhile, the last great vision, that of the single European internal market due to be completed by the end of next year, is sticking on issues that show how detail can make nonsense of agreements in principle.

Finance and trade ministers meeting in Brussels yesterday signally failed to make any significant ground in the trench warfare over the investment services directive, which is supposed to open up a single market in securities trading. Today, Peter Lilley, the trade secretary, will tell Martin Bangemann, the right-minded but struggling European commissioner, that existing proposals for a single market in cars are unacceptable to Britain.

In both cases, the movement to a single market might have the extraordinary consequence that trading will, at least in some respects, be less free and open than before. Mr Lilley's problem is that continental manufacturers' paranoia over competition from Japanese cars embraces cars made in Britain by Japanese-owned companies. If Britain is to gain the benefit of investment by Nissan, Toyota and others, as from Ford and General Motors in the past, Mr Lilley must insist that British cars are not counted as Community imports, whatever compromise may be necessary over other restrictions placed on Japanese imports in conflict with Gatt rules.

In investment services, the imperative is different. At the moment, London overwhelmingly dominates cross-border trading in company shares through the Stock Exchange's initiative in developing Seaq International as a lightly-regulated vehicle for institutional shareholders. The usual continental suspects are determined to break this competitive domination through the proposed investment services directive, repatriate at least some trading and protect national exchanges from the winds of competition.

The mechanism for this is to insist on standards of consumer protection for a recognised exchange, similar to those prevailing in London's domestic market; that would clamp Seaq International. The Dutch EC presidency has floated a compromise under the threat of withdrawing the draft directive, which is disliked by both Britain and the Club Med group. The compromise would restrict existing trading freedoms and fly counter to market trends. Both time and the status quo are, however, on Britain's side. The proposed alternative euroquote system has, not surprisingly, collapsed without London's support. Nor has Britain any reason to fear the abandonment of the directive.

BCCI lesson

The BCCI affair must cause central bankers and governments to take a new look at another EC initiative, the agreed banking directive for the single market, which is based on the principles of a single passport and home country regulation. The Bank of England, though lacking full public confidence at home, is still regarded as the paragon of banking regulation within Europe. Its failures over Johnson Matthey Bankers led to a beefed up supervisory organisation and changes to the law via the Banking Act to help catch problems early. Since BCCI has been the centre of rumours and private allegations over many years, the supervisors do not, on the surface, seem to have covered themselves with glory in terms of following up widespread disquiet. This will no doubt be the subject of an extended post mortem about how much the Bank could do and when.

The good news is that the Banking Act finally worked as intended. One of its prime provisions was to put more onus on bank auditors to address their private doubts and worries confidentially to the Bank. This is what happened in the BCCI case and the Bank duly used its powers under the act to require an auditor's investigation.

The Community must learn from this experience, minutely examining the new regime to ensure that equivalent mechanisms to those that finally captured the BCCI problems exist and are in working order in all member states. Under the new rules, systems based on powerful bank inspectors, which exist in many continental countries but not in Britain, can continue as they are. In theory, these offer as sound a protection provided the inspectors are of sufficient calibre and there are enough of them to cover banks as thoroughly as auditors ought to do. If this is not the case in practice, regulatory arbitrage, under which banks or other suppliers of goods and services locate in the least vigilant EC country, will become a serious threat to consumers.

ECGD rush

Exporters' anxieties about the part-privatisation of ECGD will receive a late airing in the House of Lords today, when three noble Lords will try to amend the bill the government is rushing through before the recess. The amendment could threaten the timetable for selling ECGD's short-term insurance arm to NCM, the Dutch group, for it seeks to ensure that a government safety net will be available to all private credit insurers. Hard to argue with that.

Gorbachev aims to Marshall Western aid

WHEN President Gorbachev arrives at the G7 summit next week with his plan to reform the Soviet economy, he will not be asking for money. But behind the West's ringing declarations on mutual co-operation and Soviet promises of democracy and market reform, money will inevitably be on all the leaders' minds.

Mr Gorbachev has hinted strongly that his economic plan will be closely related to the so-called "Grand Bargain" strategy put together by Grigory Yavlinsky, the Soviet economist, and Graham Allison, a Harvard politics professor. The final version of the Yavlinsky plan, entitled *Window of Opportunity*, makes no specific demand for aid. But reading between the lines, the Soviet Union is clearly hoping for large-scale financial assistance, perhaps about $30 billion annually over four or five years.

When this figure was leaked in Washington last month, it provoked a hostile reception, tinged with incredulity. Surely Moscow could not even dream of such vast sums in aid. Perhaps for this reason, the Grand Bargain strategists have now opted for a more subtle approach. Instead of putting figures on the aid requirement, the *Window of Opportunity* cites the words of George C Marshall.

In his speech launching the Marshall Plan in 1947, the American Secretary of State challenged European countries to come up with a plan to "place Europe on its feet economically", and then made the following promise: America would support and finance such a plan "so far as it may be practical for us to do so".

That was the only promise the United States ever made, yet by the end of the four-year Marshall Plan period, America had transferred resources to Europe equivalent to 5 per cent of US gross national product. In today's money, and treating all the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development countries as potential donors, that would amount to $1,000 billion, the *Window of Opportunity* points out.

Accordingly, the Grand Bargain asks for nothing more than a Marshall-type promise of "constructive engagement". The Soviet leadership would draw up a detailed reform plan with the help of the IMF, World Bank and the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD). Out of this plan an external financing requirement might (or might not) follow. The authors obviously believe that the Soviet plans would have much better hope of attracting financial support if they had the imprimatur of the IMF and other institutions. At the very least they hope that "constructive engagement" would lead to rapid IMF and World Bank membership, unlocking potential financing worth at least $7 billion a year.



Gorbachev: may be seeking $30 billion in aid annually

While Yavlinsky and Allison have been deliberately vague about the sums they envisage, Jeffrey Sachs, the Harvard economist who designed the Polish reform plan and who played a key role in the design of the Grand Bargain, has produced his own "personal" estimates.

These seem quite close to Yavlinsky's hopes and probably to the thinking behind the final "Gorbachev Plan" which will be presented to the G7.

Assuming that the "constructive engagement" begins immediately, Sachs's financing outline looks like this:

- In the last six months of 1991, the Soviet Union receives $8 billion in food and medical assistance direct from Western governments as well as cash grants to be used to finance consumer-goods imports at the start of price liberalisation in January 1992.
- Early in 1992, the Soviet Union joins the IMF with a quota of about $5.5 billion and receives a loan of $5 billion on signing a standby agreement to stabilise fiscal policies. The World Bank lends $3 billion and the EBRD lends $2.5 billion for structural adjustment, management training and privatisation. Governments provide $11.5 billion in food/medical assistance and import financing to support living standards after price liberalisation. They also provide an $8.5 billion standby loan to support the convertibility of the rouble.
- From 1993 up to and including 1995, the IMF lends $5 billion annually through a three-year extended arrangement. The World Bank and EBRD each lend $3 billion to $4 billion a year for privatisation, infrastructure, agricultural reform and structural adjustment. Western governments continue balance of payments financing to support living standards of $8.5 billion in 1993 and $6 billion in 1994, but this stops in 1995. Governments' support for investment and privatisation programmes runs at about $9 billion annually, but much of this is in the form of commercial loans and export credits.

Sachs says the sums lent by the IMF, World Bank and EBRD would be roughly in line with past practice in Eastern Europe and the Third World, taking account of the size of the Soviet economy. Governmental support would average about $19 billion annually. He offers an illustrative burden-sharing scheme, which would have America and Japan each contributing $3 billion annually, Germany and France $2.25 billion, Italy and Britain $1.75 billion and South Korea $1 billion.

Other OECD countries would make smaller contributions roughly in proportion to their gross national products. America's contribution, he points out, would be equivalent to roughly 1 per cent of the country's defence spending. He suggests Congress could find the money simply by earmarking this proportion of the Pentagon budget.

ANATOLE KALETSKY
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Kelt gushes with bad news

TEMPUS

KELT Energy's capacity to astound the stock market knows no bounds. The highly-geared oil producer has been in talks with its banks in the full glare of publicity for at least 18 months, yet the final refinancing agreement contains plenty of surprises.

The biggest is the extent of Kelt's losses in its last financial year. Most prudent shareholders abandoned hope of a recovery at Kelt many moons ago, but few could have guessed the scale of the damage. During the 12 months to end-March, losses deepened from £5.4 million to £154.3 million.

What defies belief is that this staggering deficit has nothing to do with the company's crippling debt or protracted negotiations with banks. Losses were struck after an exceptional charge of £150.3 million to reflect an irreparable decline in the value of its properties, particularly in America.

The second gem takes the form of an open offer to all shareholders of a package of ordinary and unlisted convertible shares to raise £29.1 million before expenses.

Kelt has been looking over a precipice for two years, with only the most flimsy of safety nets at the bottom to save it from a sticky end; now it is passing the hat around to finance the development of assets that, as the latest provisions imply, have an uncertain future.

The offer is underwritten by a Hubert Perrodo vehicle and should be ignored by other shareholders.

Carclo

CARCLO Engineering has passed part one of how to survive the recession with distinction. However, that success has only increased the pressure on the group to do just as well in part two.

Part one was copybook stuff. Having seen profits at its Woodhead springs division begin to decline more than 18 months ago, the business was put up for sale. Three months later, the bulk of Woodhead was sold on a rewarding multiple to Hoesch, the German group, for £21.6 million, a disposal that transformed Carclo's balance sheet.

By its March year-end, Carclo had net cash of £3.3 million, compared with borrowings of more than £12 million. With sales and margins under pressure, the cash could not have come at a better time. An interest charge of £1.8 million a year ago, became a receivable item of £526,000 this time. As a result, while operating profits fell 30 per cent, pre-tax profits declined by 8.9 per cent to £8 million.

But, having successfully degeared into the recession, part two involves gearing up again to take advantage of the upturn. John Ewart, the chairman, and his team are looking for the next acquisition, but finding the right sort of niche engineering business at the right price and time will not be easy.

Profits look certain to be lower this year. Assuming any acquisition comes later rather than sooner, the pre-tax figure could be about £7 million, putting the shares on a price-earnings multiple approaching 11. Unexciting, but an 8.6 per cent gross yield limits the downside.

Mosaic Investments

NOT even the Teenage Mutant Hero Turtles have been capable of preventing a subsidence in Mosaic Investments' share price since David Williams, acquisitions director, left in the spring.

The 17 per cent decline since March has been unfair on a company that coped as well with the recession as any involved deeply in British manufacturing, and which should respond promptly to economic recovery.

Half of the pre-tax profit increase to £7.56 million (£4.84 million) was produced organically. Earnings per share are 13 per cent higher for the year at 32.4p. Gearing is 49 per cent, but interest cover is 16 times.

Mosaic's collection of character licences, turtles aside, continues to grow and should help the marketing services division turn in another profits increase this year, while the T Turner arm cannot keep up with Autolok car theft device demand.

Sooner or later Britain's licensees will turn their attention back from the monopolies commission and the tied estate, and begin replenishing their stocks of spirit measures. A dip in orders here was behind lower profits for the moulded products division.

Mosaic is one of very few companies to be seeing a glimmer of a recovery — housebuilding and retail clients are spending more — and could make £9 million, this year, edging earnings per share to 34p. The prospective 7.5 multiple looks too low.

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Swords into ploughshares

ZTS Tees, one of the Warsaw Pact's main producers of tanks and other mobile military equipment, approached PA Management Consultants in London for ideas on alternative products given the declining interest among East Europeans in commencing hostilities. The result is a deal with Benson, the Midlands engineer, for ZTS to make agricultural machinery at its factory in Lucenec, Czechoslovakia. The first contract is an assignment of balers to Saudi Arabia, no doubt for use in the hayfields there. Does anyone in the Gulf have a batch of giant gun barrels suitable for conversion into irrigation pipes?

Self-allegiance

FINANCIAL need transcends loyalty among ICI's Teesside workers. About 1,000 of them have ignored company and union pleas to hold on to their annual share bonus certificates, selling them instead through local stockbrokers. The chemicals group and local unions were hoping for a demonstration of support in the face of a possible takeover bid from Lord Hanson. An ICI spokesman in Middlesbrough explains the unsporting behaviour: "The employees who are selling see these shares as part of their pay package which they can use to pay for something like the poll tax, the holiday, or perhaps to pay off an overdraft. They see it purely as being a bonus."



"Could have been worse —might have been the liquidator"

Dressed down

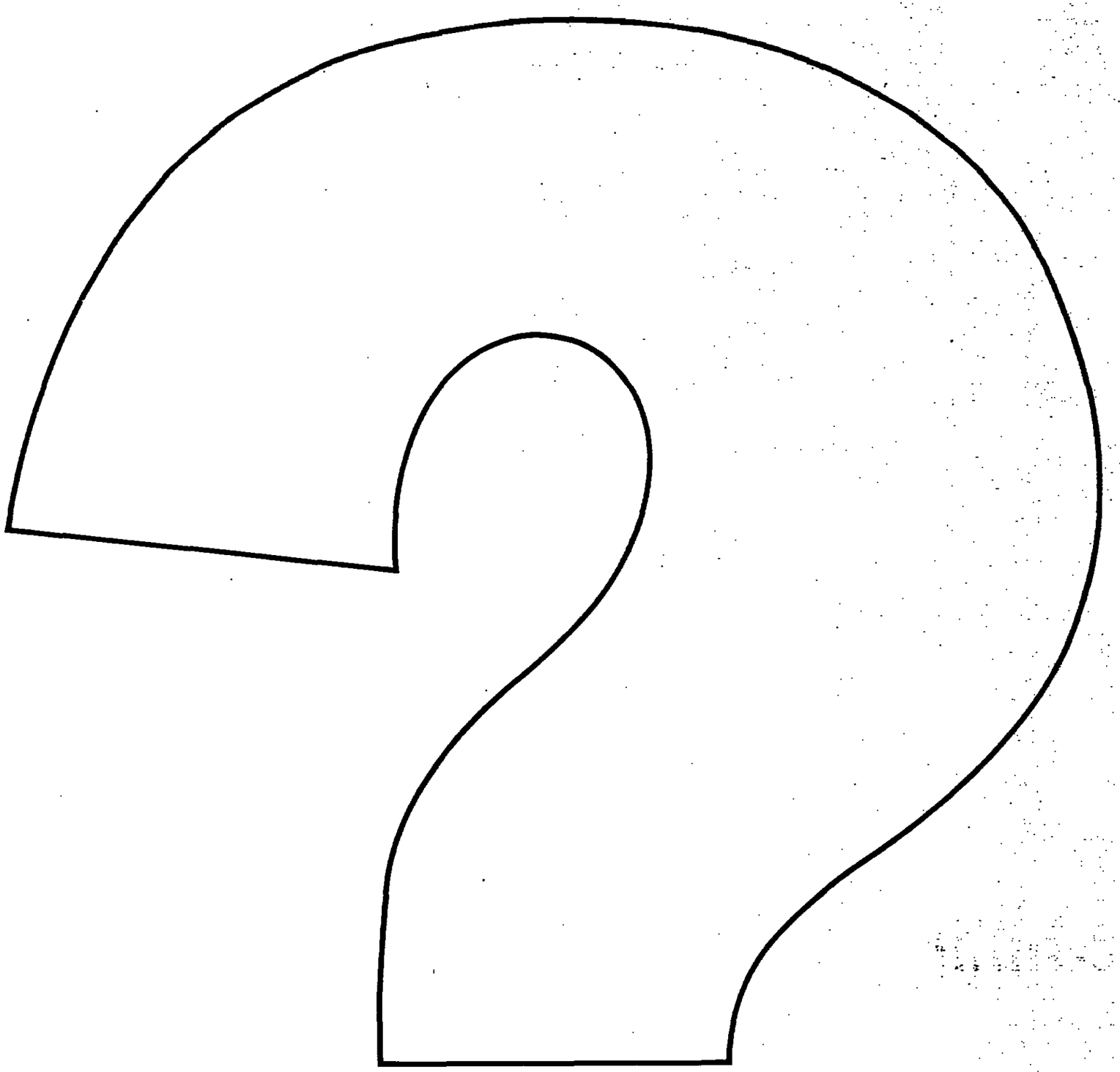
GOOD old-fashioned standards are still being maintained at Harrods, the store owned by the Fayed brothers. Hugh McKenna of Charles Barker, the public relations group, found a weekend visit terminated at the entrance because his companion was clad in torn jeans. McKenna says: "The doorman was very nice about it but when several customers said they could not believe this was happening he added that 'we don't worry about customers; Mr Fayed has a dress code and that is all that bothers me'." McKenna wonders whether Harrods would turn away Kylie Minogue. But then, would Kylie Minogue go to Harrods with McKenna?

JUST to make sure no-one misses the Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund flag day tomorrow, Sir Alexander Graham, the Lord Mayor of London, and other City figures will be outside the Royal Exchange with their collecting boxes this morning. A similar move last year was well worth while, netting more than £4,000 out of the £82,324 raised in London for the fund.

Home win

TRADE negotiators are always talking about level playing fields these days, but not many bring a foreign football team back home with them. Laurence, Scott & Electromotors spent several months chasing a multi-million pound contract in Romania before scoring with an offer to sponsor a trip for the Otelul club. Otelul will play Norwich City, Laurence Scott's home team, on August 8, with proceeds going to Save the Children's Romanian fund. The Carrow Road club is staging the match free.

RODNEY HOBSON



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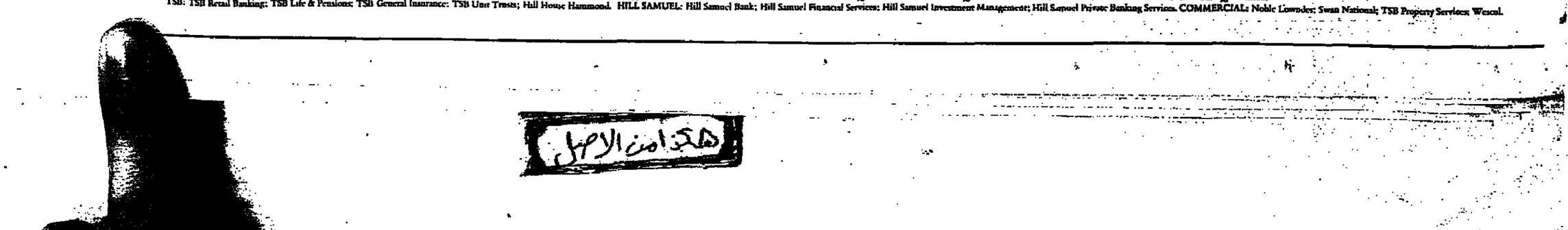
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Abbott Lab	51⅛	52⅛
Aetna Life	40⅞	41
Ahmanson	17⅞	17⅞
Air Prods	88	88⅝
Albertsons	40⅜	41
Alcan Al	20⅝	20⅝
Alco Stand	30⅝	31⅛
Allied Signal	33⅛	33⅜
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Am General	38⅜	38⅝
Am Home	60⅞	60⅝
Am Intl	84	85⅝
Am Stores	77⅛	77⅞
Amax	24⅜	23⅝
Amer Hess	50⅛	50⅛
Ameritech	59⅝	59⅞
Amex	22	22
Amoco	59⅞	60⅛
AMP	62⅝	62
AMR	84⅛	84⅝
Anheuser-B	48⅝	48⅞
Apple Comp	45⅝	46⅞
Archer-Dan	23⅝	24
Arkla	16⅛	16⅝
Armco	5⅜	5⅜
Armstrong	27⅜	28
Asarco	29⅜	29⅝
Ashland Oil	31	30⅝
AT&T	38⅝	38⅞
Atlan Richfld	114⅛	113⅝
Auto DP	39⅝	39⅝
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Bausch Lmb	40⅝	41
Baxter Intl	32⅝	32⅜
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Bellsouth	47⅜	47⅜
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Brist-Myer	79⅝	80⅛
Browng-Fer	28⅝	28⅝
Burl Nth	28⅜	29⅛
CAI	9⅞	10
Campbell Sp	74⅛	74⅝
Cap Cities	440⅞	441⅛
Capital HC	48	48⅝
Caroline	45	45⅜
Caterpillar	48	48⅛
CBS	169	169⅜
Central SW	44⅛	44⅜
Champion	27⅜	27⅜
Chase Man	17⅛	17⅝
Chem Bnkg	20⅝	20⅝
Chevron	68⅝	68⅞
Chrysler	14	14⅜
Chubb	71	71⅛
Cigna	45	45⅝
Cincorp	14	14⅛
Cibrns Liz	44	44⅛
Citicrp	39⅛	39⅝
Cnwlth Edis	37⅛	37⅜
CNA Fincl	78	78⅜
Coastal	30⅜	29⅝
Coca-Cola	55⅝	55⅝
Colgate-Pal	57	57⅛
Columb Gas	17⅛	18⅛
Compaq	33⅝	33⅛
Conagra	42	42⅜
Cons Edis	34⅛	34⅛
Cons NG	40⅝	40⅝
Cons Rail	61⅛	61⅞
Cooper Ind	54⅛	55
Corning	85⅞	85⅛
CPC Intl	84⅛	85⅜
Crown Cork	76⅜	76⅝
CSX	44⅞	45⅛
Dana	33⅜	33⅝
Dayton-Hud	72⅝	72⅜
Deere	52⅜	52⅜
Delta Air	72⅜	71⅜
Deluxe	45⅛	45⅝
Detroit Edi	28⅜	28⅝
Digital Eq	62⅛	58⅝
Dillard	126⅝	126⅞
Disney	117⅞	118⅛
Dominion	47⅜	47⅛
Donnelley	43⅞	43⅛
Dover	38⅝	38⅞
Dow Chem	53⅜	53⅝
Dow Jones	26⅝	27⅜
Dresser Ind	19⅞	20
Du Pont	46⅜	47⅛
Duke Pwr	26	27⅛
Dun Bradst	46⅛	46⅝
East Kodak	39⅝	39
Eaton	64	64⅛
Emerson El	47	47⅛
Enron	57⅜	57⅛
Entergy	25⅝	25⅞
Eqty	27⅞	27⅝
Exxon	57⅛	57⅝
Fed NMA	50⅞	50⅝
Fedrl Paprs	40⅞	40⅞
Fit Nortster	39⅝	39⅝
Fleet	48	48⅛
FluC	45⅞	46⅜
Ford Motor	35⅝	35⅞
FPL	30⅜	30⅞
Fst Chicago	22⅞	22
Fst Interst	28⅝	28⅝
Fst Union	21⅛	22⅛
Gannett	43⅜	43⅝
GAP	60⅛	61⅛
Gen Cinema	24⅝	24⅛
Gen Elec	73⅛	73⅝
Gen Mills	57⅞	57⅝
Gen Motors	42⅝	42⅝
Gen RE	85⅛	85⅝
Gen Signal	43⅝	43⅝
Genuine Pa	43⅝	43⅞
Georgia-Pac	52	53⅛
Gillette	34⅛	34⅛
Goodrich	40⅛	39⅝
Goodyear	38⅝	38⅞
Grace	33	32⅞
Greyhound	34⅛	34⅛
Gt Atlantic	42⅜	43⅛
Gt Western	17⅜	17⅛
GTE	28⅝	28⅝
Halliburtn	26⅜	26⅛
Heinz	37⅝	38
Hercules	38⅛	38⅝
Hershey Fd	41⅛	42
Hewlet Pkd	51⅜	50⅝
Hilton Hd	41⅜	42
Home Depot	47⅞	47
Homestake	18⅝	18⅜
Honeywell	61⅛	61⅛
Houston Ind	38	38
Humld Ind	48	48⅛
Humana	45⅝	46⅛
IBM	89	89⅝
IFSF	78	78⅛
Illinois TW	62	62⅛
Inco	26⅝	26⅞
Ingrsl-Rand	38⅝	38⅞
Inland Steel	21⅛	21⅝
Intel	43⅜	42⅝
Int Paper	71⅞	72⅜
ITT	69⅞	70⅛
James River	23	23⅝
Johnsn John	85⅞	84⅝
K Mart	45⅞	46⅛
Kellogg	59⅝	59⅝
Kerr-McGee	59⅞	59⅞
Kimby-Clrk	89	89⅞
Knight-Ridr	50⅝	50⅝
Lilly	75⅞	76⅛
Limited	28⅝	28⅝
Lin Bnkcrp	55⅛	57⅛
Manh Nat	48	48⅝
Litton Ind	78⅜	78⅞
Lockheed	42⅞	43⅛
Louis-Pac	41⅛	41⅝
Manu Hano	20⅝	21⅛
Marriott	17⅞	17⅜
Marsh Mclen	77⅞	78⅛
Martin Mar	58	58⅜
Masco	22⅝	22⅝
May Dept	54⅞	54⅞
Maytag	15⅜	15⅞
McDnl Doug	54⅛	54
McDonalds	32⅞	33
McGraw-Hill	59⅝	58⅝
MCI Com	28⅝	28⅝
Mead	38⅛	38⅝
Medtronic	114⅜	113⅝
Mellon Bk	30⅝	30⅝
Melville	48	48⅛
Merck	117⅞	117⅝
Merll Lynch	38⅝	39
Minnesota	90⅝	90⅞
Mobil	63⅞	63⅝
Monsanto	88⅝	88
Moore	28⅝	27
Morgan JP	61⅞	62⅝
Motorola	85⅛	85⅝
Nat Medical	43⅝	43⅝
Nat Semi	5⅛	5⅞
Nat Service	26⅛	26⅝
Nevistar	5⅝	5⅛
NCNB	38	37
NCR	108⅜	108⅛
NED Engy	37⅝	37⅝
Newmont Min	41⅛	41⅛
Nlagr Mhwk	15⅜	15⅞
Nike	36⅝	36
NL Indstrs	16	16⅛
Nordstorm	41⅛	41⅛
Norflk Sthn	46⅝	46⅞
Norwest	27⅛	27⅜
Nthn St Pwr	34⅝	34⅝
Nthn Telcm	39⅝	39⅝
NY Times	24⅛	24⅝
Nynex	73⅞	74
Ocdnl Petrl	21⅞	21⅜
Ohio Ed	18⅛	18⅛
Oracle Sys	8⅝	8⅜
Oryx Energy	30	30⅛
Pac Enl	25⅝	24⅝
Pac Gas Elec	25	25
Pac Telesis	41	40⅝
Pacccar	46⅝	46⅛
Packaging	21⅛	21⅜
Pall	36	36⅛
Palmersnd	40⅝	41⅛
Parker-Hanin	39⅝	37⅝
Pathwy	27⅞	27⅞
Penncrd	72⅜	72⅝
Pepsico	39	39⅛
Pfizer	38	38
Philips Pet	35⅝	35⅝
Phillip Morris	88⅝	89⅛
Pitny Bowes	49⅝	49⅝
Plessey	47⅜	47⅜
Polaroid	39⅝	39⅝
PPG Inds	56⅝	56⅝
Prctr Gamble	79	79
Price	24⅝	23⅞
Primerica	27⅝	27⅝
Pub Service	25⅝	26
Quaker Oats	64⅝	64⅝
Raleigh Par	28⅛	28⅛
Raychem	27⅞	28⅛
Rayth Co	79⅛	80⅛
Reebok	26⅝	26⅛
Reynolds	63⅝	63⅝
Rockwell	27⅝	27⅝
Rohm Haas	43⅝	44⅛
Royal Dutch	78⅞	79⅝
Rubbermaid	48⅝	48⅝
Rymids Mf	80⅝	80⅝
Safeco	39⅝	39⅝
Salomon	32⅛	32⅜
Sant Fe Pac	9	9
Sara Lee	41⅛	41
Schlmbrgr	39⅝	39⅝
Schring-Plgh	51⅛	51⅝
Scott Paper	41⅛	41⅛
Seagram	103⅝	104⅛
Sears Rbk	37⅜	37⅝
Shawmt Pac	20⅝	21⅛
Shmtt-Wllms	24⅝	24⅝
Shrplne	14⅛	15⅝
Sislp-on Tls	31⅛	31⅛
Southern	26⅝	27⅛
Sp Pacf	69	69⅝
Stanley Wk	36⅛	36⅛
Stone Cntr	21	21⅛
Sun Co	28⅝	28⅝
Sunst Bk	29⅞	30
Super Valu	27⅛	27⅝
SW Bell	59⅝	59
Symbn	39⅝	39⅝
Synco	41⅞	41⅝
Tandem	14⅛	14⅜
Tandy	27⅝	27⅝
Tele-comm	13⅜	13⅝
Telephne	18⅝	18⅝
Temple-In	48⅝	48⅝
Tenneco	36⅛	36⅛
Texaco	60⅞	60⅝
Texas Inst	34⅞	34⅝
Texas Util	34⅝	34⅝
Textron	31⅞	32
Thos Betts	39⅝	39⅝
Tmcknerk	47⅜	47⅜
Toys R Us	28⅝	28⅝
Transcan	31⅞	32⅛
Travelers	22⅝	22⅞
Tribune	44⅛	44⅜
TRW	41⅞	42⅛
Tyco Lab	48⅝	47⅞
UAL	145⅞	144⅝
Un Camp	45⅜	45⅜
Un Carbide	20⅞	20⅞
Un Pacific	68⅝	68⅝
Unilever	77⅛	77⅝
Unisys	3⅝	3⅞
Unocal	22⅞	22⅝
Upjohn	45	44⅝
US Life	41⅛	41⅛
US West	38⅞	38⅞
Usair Gp	14⅝	14⅝
USFAG	8⅝	9⅛
UST	44⅛	45⅝
USX Mar	22⅝	22⅝
Utd Tech	44⅝	45
Utd Telcm	29⅝	30
VF	30⅝	30⅜
Wal-Mart	43⅝	43⅝
Waste Mgmt	37	37⅛
Wells Fargo	67⅞	68⅛
Westg Elec	26⅝	27
Weyerhsr	27⅞	28
Whirlpool	91	91⅛
Whittmn	13	13⅜
Wlmn-Dixie	32⅞	33⅛
Woolworth	30⅝	31⅛
Wrigley	59⅛	59⅝
Wrnr-Lamb	72⅝	73⅛
Xerox	54	53⅝

Dow feels effects of Tokyo fall

New York

BLUE chips recovered from session lows in late morning trading as bargain hunters stepped in after the 3 per cent drop in Tokyo overnight prompted early selling.

"It seems to me there's more a preponderance of negative news than positive news," said Tom Epperson, head of research at Morgan Keegan and Co. He cited high bond yields, the spectre of weak second quarter earnings and concern over the health of American banks.

The Dow Jones industrial average was down 16.55 points at 2,915.92, after 2,905.

☐ **Hong Kong** — The Hang Seng index fell 11.98 points to 3,880.73, but ended 50.48 points down on a midday level of 3,931.21 points.

☐ **Singapore** — The Straits Times industrial index fell 22.98 points to 1,453.67.

☐ **Sydney** — The All-Ordinaries index fell 10.4 points to 1,525.7.

☐ **Frankfurt** — The Dax index fell 13.87 points to 1,605.04.

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STOCK MARKET

Japanese drop hits London

THE fall of more than 700 points overnight in Tokyo sent investors in London running for cover as share prices were marked sharply lower.

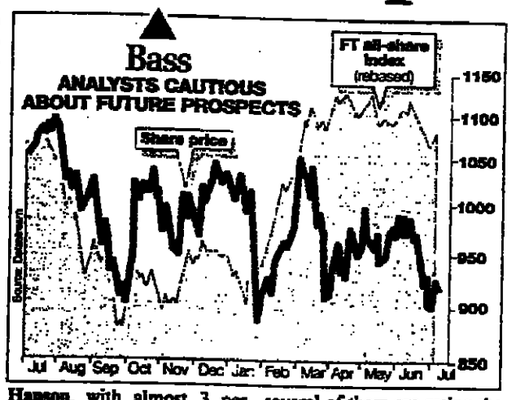
Tokyo has fallen for five consecutive trading days and reaction in London was inevitable. There was little real selling pressure, however, as shown by the low levels of turnover, with only 308 million shares traded by the close of business.

The equity market closed off the bottom, helped by a resolute performance on Wall Street, where the Dow Jones industrial average limited the damage to just 17 points in early trading. The FT-SE 100 index lost 17.9 points to end at 2,466.8, having been more than 22 points lower at one stage. The FT index of 30 shares fell 20.5 to 1,891.3.

There are still hopes of another cut in domestic interest rates this week after the German Bundesbank meeting last Thursday.

Worries about further fund raising by the government left gilts nursing falls of £½ at the longer end.

Some companies made headway, however, with ICI up 4p to £12.80 after advisers estimated its break-up value at £22 a share, or £16 billion.



Hanson, with almost 3 per cent of ICI, fell 2½p, to 200½p.

Rolls-Royce confounded the experts with a rise of 1p to 145½p. Last week, analysts met the company and came away in a gloomy mood. But several of them are rating the shares a buy, saying the bad news is already accounted for in the price.

Bass, along with the rest of the brewers, lost ground, falling 9p to 918p in the wake of a bearish review of the sector from County NatWest Wood-Mac, the broker. Cash resources among brewers are under pressure because of the recession and the downturn in spending that has hit beer production. County says the ability of the brewers to finance increased capital expenditure commitments is in question.

The drinks sector has been depressed by falling production, moves by the European Commission to raise duty on whisky and the row with publicans over new leases. There were falls for **Grand Metropolitan**, 11p to 747p, **Greenall Whitley**, 3p to 320p, **Scottish & Newcastle**, 4p to 386p, **Vaux Group**, 4p to 198p, **Whitbread A**, 9p to 460p, and **Guinness**, 12p to 953p.

The big four clearing banks were still reeling from the closure of Bank of Credit and Commerce International. UK banks are thought to have sizeable open-ended positions with BCCI. **Barclays** fell 8p to 436p, **Lloyds** 7p to 327p, **Midland** 5p to 180p, and **National Westminster** 9p to 296p.

Burton, the clothes retailer, which launched a £161 million rights issue last week, fell 4½p to 38½p, with fund managers and brokers expressing doubts that the fund-raising operation will be enough to stem group losses. Burton has forecast a loss for the current year.

Dixons, the high street electrical retailer, fell 4p to 212p before full-year figures tomorrow. City estimates range from £65 million to £80 million compared with £72.6 million last time. The group is reckoned to have enjoyed a better second half performance. **Marks and Spencer** fell 3½p to 250½p before its annual meeting, also tomorrow. Analysts will be looking for the first signs of an upturn in consumer spending. There was little evidence of that yesterday, with May retail sales falling half a point.

Asda fell 5½p to 87p before figures this week that are expected to show profits down from £180 million to about £154 million.

Mountleigh, the property developer, fell 10p to 26p. After last week's £96 million rights issue, there are doubts as to whether the money will be enough to ensure a healthy future for the company.

ADT, the security and car auction group, fell 22p to 618p on reports of a credit downgrading.

MICHAEL CLARK

MAJOR INDICES

New York:		
Dow Jones	2920.39 (−12.06)*	
S&P Composite	372.92 (−1.16)*	
Tokyo:		
Nikkei Average	22176.17 (−722.17)	
Hong Kong:		
Hang Seng	3880.73 (−11.98)	
FT-SE Euro 100	1090.75 (−7.96)	
Amsterdam:		
CBS Tendency	91.6 (−1.1)	
Sydney: AO	1525.7 (−10.5)	
Frankfurt: DAX	1605.04 (−13.87)	
Brussels:		
General	5728.80 (−13.62)	
Paris: CAC	458.79 (+0.90)	
Zurich: SKA Gen	531.0 (−6.0)	
London:		
FT-A All-Share	1181.25 (−7.80)	
FT-"500"	1311.81 (−7.90)	
FT Gold Mines	219.0 (+2.4)	
FT Fixed Interest	93.43 (+0.08)	
FT Govt Secs	84.86 (−0.14)	
Bargains	24582	
SEAQ Volume	308.4m	
USM (Datastream)	128.12 (−0.44)	

*Denotes latest trading price

LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

	Series	Calls Jul	Calls Oct	Calls Jan	Puts Jul	Puts Oct	Puts Jan
Allied Lyons (*523)	500	30	51	61	3½	13	19
	550	3½	23	35	30	37	42
	600	1	9	18	79	79	80
ASDA (*87)	90	6½	8½	13	2½	6½	8
	100	1	3	4½	16	19	18
	110	1	1	3	26	29	29
Bass (*918)	880	47	84	–	3½	18	–
	929	13	52	–	20	37	–
	977	3	30	–	62	68	–
Boots (*375)	330	46	56	61	1	2	4
	360	18	33	40	3	7½	12
	390	2	14	21	19	22	25
Br Airways (*160)	140	21	27	30	1	4	6
	160	6	13½	18	7	10	13
	180	1½	6	9	22	24	26
BP (*334)	300	37	40	45	1	3½	5
	330	9½	18	25	3	10	14
	360	2	6½	11½	28	31	32
Br Steel (*123)	120	4	5½	8	7½	9	12
	130	1½	2¾	4½	16½	17	19
	140		1	2	26½	26½	29
C & W (*548)	500	52	70	83	1½	8	12
	550	12	37	52	13	23	31
	600	1½	15	28	55	57	60
CU (*508)	460	50	57	72	1	9	10
	500	15	32	45	8	23	28
	550	2	12	25	47	57	60
Courtauld (*414)	360	58	68	75	1	3	6
	390	28	44	54	3	10	14
	420	7	26	36	14	22	26
GKN (*325)	330	7	16	26	10½	24	26
	360	1½	7	15	37	45	47
	390	1	3	8	68	73	74
Grand Met (*747)	700	55	74	98	3	15	24
	750	15	42	62	15	34	45
	800	3	23	38	54	67	72
ICI (*1280)	1200	89	115	152	4½	32	39
	1250	47	85	120	15	50	57
	1300	20	62	95	39	75	78
Kingfisher (*494)	460	40	55	70	2	12	15
	500	10	32	47	14	26	31
	550	1	12	26	58	60	62
Ladbroke (*234)	240	5	15	21	9½	18	21
	260	2	7	14	27	32	33
	280	1	3½	8	47	48	50
Land Sec (*482)	460	26	43	50	2½	7½	12
	500	3½	18	28	22	26	30
	550	1	4½	10½	72	72	72
M & S (*251)	240	14	23	29	2	5	8½
	260	2	11	18	11	15	17
	280	1	4½	10	31	31	31
Sainsbury (*349)	326	27	39	47	1½	5½	8½
	356	5½	20	28	11	17	20
	386	1	8	16	39	40	41
Shell (*517)	460	61	70	77	1	4	7
	500	24	37	49	3	14	20
	550	2	11	24	36	45	47
Smith Beech (*793)	750	47	72	92	3	17	24
	800	12	44	64	20	37	45
	850	2	20	38	65	67	70
Storehse (*104)	100	6½	12	–	3	5	–
	110	2	7	–	7½	9½	–
	120	1	4	6½	18	19	20
Trafalgar (*231)	200	35	44	–	1½	6	–
	220	14	26	34	3	13	22
	240	5	16	23	14	22	32
Ultramar (*287)	280	14	23	32	4	12	14
	300	4	11	21	15	23	26
	330	1½	4½	11	45	45	47
Unilever (*761)	650	114	134	–	1½	2	–
	700	65	89	102	2	6½	11
	750	22	53	69	10	21	28
	800	3½	25	42	45	50	55
Utd Biscs (*381)	330	50	58	64	1	3½	6
	360	22	34	43	2½	11	14
	390	4½	16	25	16	24	28

	Series	Calls Aug	Calls Nov	Calls Feb	Puts Aug	Puts Nov	Puts Feb
BAA (*434)	390	56	65	–	2½	6	–
	420	29	44	50	8	15	18
	460	10	21	30	30	33	38
BAT Ind (*745)	600	152	155	–	1	3½	–
	650	105	107	127	2	7	11
	700	59	68	90	7½	19	23
	750	23	40	60	25	40	45
BTR (*377)	360	26	33	43	5	13	16
	390	9½	17	27	21	28	31
	420	3	7½	16	47	49	52
Br Aero (*567)	550	35	47	65	10	23	28
	600	12	28	39	42	52	57
	650	3	10	22	87	90	92
Br Telecm (*361)	330	32½	38	44	3	7	9½
	360	9½	19½	25	15	18	21
	390	2	7½	13½	40	41	43
Cadbury (*372)	330	48	57	66	2	5	7
	360	24	34	46	8	14	17
	390	8½	19	28	24	29	31
Guinness (*935)	900	73	96	121	7	19	25
	950	38	64	89	22	36	41
	1000	16	39	63	51	61	65
GEC (*186)	180	7	12½	15	6	8	10
	200	1½	4½	7½	23	23½	24
	220	1	2	3¼	43	43	43
Hanson (*202)	200	10	17	19	6	9½	13½
	220	2½	7½	10	20	20½	25
	240	1	3	4½	40	40	41
LASMO (*342)	300	48	57	67	2	–	9
	330	24	35	47	10	16	19
	360	8	18	30	27	33	35
P & O (*535)	550	18	29	43	17	40	44
	600	5	13	24	69	77	80
	650	1½	6	–	119	120	–
Pilkington (*151)	140	16	24	28	3½	6½	9
	160	6½	14	17	13	16	19
	180	2½	7	10	30	31	32
Prudential (*234)	220	21	26	32	3½	7½	9½
	240	8½	14	21	11	17	19
	260	2½	7	–	27	30	–

	Series	Calls Aug	Calls Nov	Calls Feb	Puts Aug	Puts Nov	Puts Feb
Rexel (*215)	208	21	29	37	4	8	10½
	220	8½	17	25	13	17	20
	240	4	10	15	27	30	32
RTZ (*573)	500	86	92	105	1½	6	10
	550	40	54	70	9	18	24
	600	14	27	42	33	43	47
Scot Newc (*386)	360	33	41	46	6½	10	14
	390	11	22	29	20	24	29
	420	3	12	17	43	45	47
Tesco (*271)	253	25	–	–	2½	–	–
	280	7	14	21	14	17	19
	300	2	7	13	31	32	32
Thames W (*289)	280	16	28	36	4	8	11
	300	6	16	24	14	16	21
	330	1	6	10	42	42	42
Lucas (*127)	140	4	7	9	15	18	20
	160	2	3	4½	35	34	36
	180	1	2	–	55	56	–

	Series	Calls Jul	Calls Oct	Calls Jan	Puts Jul	Puts Oct	Puts Jan
Pizzas (*493)	460	38	56	67	2½	9	14
	500	10	30	42	14	25	30
	550	1½	12	21	58	60	61

	Series	Calls Sep	Calls Dec	Calls Mar	Puts Sep	Puts Dec	Puts Mar
Abbey Nat (*277)	260	23	31½	37	5½	8	12
	280	11	19½	26	14½	17½	20
	300	4½	11	–	28	30	–
Amstrad (*49)	50	6	–	–	6	–	–
	60	2	–	–	13	–	–
	70	1½	–	–	22	–	–
Barclays (*436)	420	30	38	49	13	22	28
	460	10	22	31	40	44	49
	500	3	10½	–	77	75	–
Blue Circ (*244)	220	32	37	44	5	8½	10
	240	16	25	32	13	17	19
	260	8	16	22	24	27	30
Br Gas (*245)	200	46	–	–	1	–	–
	220	27	30	32	3	4½	7
	240	10	15½	18½	10	11½	15
	260	3½	8	10½	26	26	28
Dixons (*212)	180	33	39	–	2½	4½	–
	200	17	24	29	7	10½	12½
	220	8	14	19	18	22	24
Hammerson (*443)	420	47	62	76	13	23	30
	460	25	42	58	30	45	48
	500	15	27	41	58	66	72
Forte (*241)	220	29	–	–	3	–	–
	240	15	20	26	8	13	15
	260	6	11	17	22	24	26
Glaxo (*1240)	1200	89	115	145	33	47	57
	1250	60	89	119	57	69	80
	1300	37	67	95	87	99	105
Hawker (*537)	500	60	72	87	14	23	29
	550	30	44	60	35	46	52
	600	12	25	40	70	77	80
Hillsdown (*232)	200	39	44	49	1½	4	6
	220	23	29	36	6	9½	12
	240	11	18	24	15	19	21
	260	5	10	–	30	32	–
Lonrho (*246)	240	15	23	27	10	15	20
	260	6½	14	16	24	26	32
	280	3	7½	–	41	42	–
Midland (*180)	180	12½	1	20	25	10½	12½
	200	3	11	16	24	26	27
	220	2	5½	10	41	43	44
	240	1	3	–	63	63	–
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Temporary ban on brokers sends Tokyo shares lower

JAPAN'S finance ministry told top brokers yesterday to halt some business temporarily as penance for improper compensation of favoured clients' losses and for links by affiliates of two brokers to criminals.

Reports that the punishment was to be announced caused share prices to fall sharply on the Toyko stock exchange. The Nikkei average fell 722.17 points, or 3.17 per cent, to close at 22,176.17, its lowest close this year.

Some brokers expressed hopes that the scandals could now be put behind them, but said fears remained that prices could slide further.

Ryutaro Hashimoto, the finance minister, said Nomura Securities, Nikko Securities, Daiwa Securities, and Yamaichi Securities had been ordered to restrict all their corporate divisions' business for four business days from tomorrow.

The ministry told Nomura and Nikko to restrict retail business at their headquarters



Hashimoto: imposed ban

for four working days, he said.

Nobuhiko Matsuno, director general of the finance ministry's securities bureau, said the only exceptions would be in cases where investors needed to repossess securities deposited with the brokerages, where contracts made prior to tomorrow needed to be executed, and where investors needed to square positions.

Some form of punishment had been expected after revelations that all four brokerages had improperly covered clients' losses and that Nomura and Nikko affiliate firms lent funds to Japan's second biggest crime syndicate.

In a separate news conference, Minoru Nagaoka, the Tokyo stock exchange chairman, said the exchange had decided to fine Nomura and Nikko Y5 million (£22,200) each and Yamaichi and Daiwa Y3 million each for actions that had shaken investor faith in the securities industry.

Mr Hashimoto called the latest scandals a serious violation of the standards of licensed stock brokers. "It is truly regrettable that such actions have seriously damaged the average investor's confidence in the market. We have instructed the brokers to establish sound management principles and appropriate business postures so as to prevent a recurrence of such incidents," he said.

Last month, the presidents of Nomura and Nikko resigned because of the scandals.

Mr Hashimoto said the ministry would consider if new legal measures were needed to prevent a recurrence of such incidents. Promising to cover client losses is a violation of the Securities and Exchange Act. Compensating clients is not, but violates a 1989 ministry directive.

Mr Hashimoto said the ministry would issue a directive next Monday strictly banning most discretionary brokerage accounts, in which clients entrust investment decisions to brokers. Such accounts, already banned in principle, have often resulted in improper client loss-covering, industry analysts said.

Asked about criticism that the finance ministry had turned a blind eye to improper client compensation, Mr Hashimoto said: "I can only say I'm sorry." He said he was not considering disciplinary action against ministry officials.

(Reuter)

RECENT ISSUES

EQUITIES

Aberforth Smlr (100p)	114 –1
Aberforth Split (100p)	104
Alliance Res	22
Brabant Res (155p)	122
Contra-Cyclical (100p)	105
Drayton Blue Chip (100p)	102
EFM Inc Tst (65p)	68
Eldos	46
East Germany Inv (100p)	107
Elsinbrook	60
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Greenwich Res	19
Headline Book (100p)	123
Manchester Utd (385p)	289 –2
Mirror Group (125p)	95½ –1½
Miskin Grp	15
Moorgate Smlr Cos (100p)	105
Oryx Gold	261
Pelican Grp	20
Resort Hotels	71
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(Issue price in brackets).

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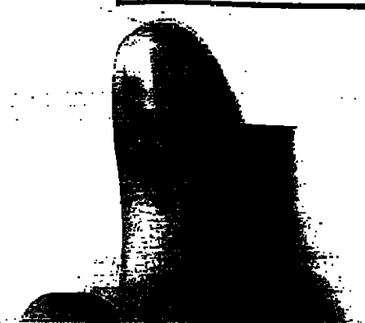
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Charities in the balance

A bill to be presented this autumn will aim to tighten controls on charities. One problem, Andrew Phillips says, is defining the legal limit of their political involvement

Last year in England and Wales 4,013 new charities were admitted to the register by the Charity Commissioners, covering every conceivable (and several inconceivable) philanthropic purposes to add to the 170,000 already there.

The whole charity sector turns over an estimated £18 billion a year. British charities are now the beneficiaries of the most liberal tax regime in the European Community, which may well be under threat from Brussels in the medium term. The system is intended to stimulate giving, not entirely successfully.

Increasingly, charities of all sizes rely on generating their own funds by providing services – "the contract culture" – or through trading activities carried on by separate trading companies. Fund-raising is becoming highly professional and expensive, helped by recent access to television advertising.

With all this, the image of the white, female, middle-aged, middle-class do-gooder as a personification of the charitable worker has long since been replaced by a new breed, led by the committed, even aggressive, advocate for the charity's cause. Such activists can be disquieting, used as they are to pitching into the public debate, sometimes acting in a "political" manner using methods of advocacy seemingly little different from political campaigning.

Against this backdrop, and in the wake of two reports, by the National Audit Office and by Sir Philip Woodfield, as well as the Home Office white paper two years ago, the long-awaited charities bill now seems likely to emerge on the floor of the House this autumn. If it follows the pattern of the white paper, it will be confined to implementing Woodfield. This involves tightening up charity accounts, controlling fund-raising and extending the role and powers of the Charity Commissioners in dealing with abuse.

The white paper concluded that "the decision on what is permissible in the way of political activity is best left to the good judgment of the trustees of individual charities, who know that, in cases where the restrictions appear to be breached, the Charity Commissioners will take vigorous action with the support of the Attorney-General".

Although the recent Oxfam report by the Charity Commission in most people's eyes showed just such vigorous action, the prospect is that a posse of right-wing backbenchers may try to force into the bill measures intended to prevent charities from engaging in what they see as "politicking".

The fact is that the very independence and relative freedom of British charities represent an affront to some. For example, an American organisation, the so-called International Freedom Foundation, seems intent on hunting down those in the British charity sector that it sees as inimical to its own free market zealotry.

The trouble, of course, is that politics, like beauty, is highly subjective. The great and good Brazilian priest, Helder Camara, once put it this way: "When I give food to the poor they call me a saint. When I ask why the poor have no food, they call me a communist." Few areas of activity these days do not overlap with political concern. Just consider the scope of the European Convention on Human Rights.

What is surprising is that so many people, even those who are otherwise well informed, believe that charities cannot properly engage in politics. This misconception hinges on the difference between a charity having political *purposes*, which is not allowed, and a charity using political *means* to achieve its charitable purposes, which, within limits, is allowed.

Thus the white paper made clear that "charities should feel free to take the initiative in offering advice and opinions and in proposing changes in the law, and should not wait to be invited to do so". Or, to quote Robin Guthrie, the present Chief Charity Commissioner, it is a misunderstanding of the law to believe that there is "a prohibition on charities generally from engaging in political activity at all, or from tackling the root causes of the problems their beneficiaries face".

If you set such authoritative statements against the Charity Commissioners' own guidelines on political activities, which at one point say that "charities must avoid seeking to influence or remedy those causes of poverty which lie in the social, economic and political structures . . .", and at another that they must not seek "to eliminate social, economic, political or other injustice", one must wonder just how the law stacks up.

The answer is that it does so with difficulty and is dependent on the nuances of every case.

Thus, campaigning for funds to draw attention to the plight of one's beneficiaries is perfectly acceptable, while campaigning for a particular solution to a particular problem, especially where it broaches on government policy, is well into grey territory.

The signposts are those of tone, balance and style, rather than anything more concrete.

Charities these days increasingly depend for sustenance of their work on establishing and perpetuating regular giving by a core of supporters, whose loyalty can be engaged only by educating and involving them in the insights and programmes of the charity.

It is unrealistic, at least, to think that their concern and enthusiasm can be turned off, so to speak, when there is a risk of upsetting a few MPs whose postbags may be swelled by their anguished pleas. That is not real, nor, fortunately, the law.

The issues of charity and politics are undoubtedly difficult, and the job of the law, and the Charity Commission, in providing a workable framework is a formidable one, as is the task of policing activities.

If the present delicate and reasonably effective balance is not to be destroyed by partisan intervention in the forthcoming legislation, all good people may need to come to the aid of the status quo. They ought to start by understanding it.

One root of that understanding is perhaps the realisation that charities without access to influential people have to campaign on occasions to protect or promote their charitable heartlands in a way that establishment charities – the Adam Smith Institute or the Institute for Economic Affairs, for example – never need. A few telephone calls from the Athenaeum by and to those with the influence are no less campaigning than a march to Downing Street. Furthermore, the public need to understand what the modern charity is. Usually it depends on three separate but inter-dependent groups – supporters on the one hand, beneficiaries on the other, with staff and trustees holding the ring.

Bearing in mind the essentially voluntary nature of these dependencies, charity trustees have a difficult balancing act, in which to undermine any of these three pillars is effectively to destroy the capacity of their charity to deliver its goods.

● *The author, a practising solicitor, wrote* Charitable Status – A Practical Handbook *(published in 1989 by Directory of Social Change, £5.95)*

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JAMES Boswell recorded in his Journal for 1788 that Dunning, the great advocate of his day, was "getting £8,000 a year by his profession but being killed by it". Lawyers' remuneration remains a subject of continuing fascination, some might say obsession, within and without the profession.

So it is unsurprising that great interest has been provoked by a consultation paper issued by Lord Mackay of Clashfern, the Lord Chancellor, on conditional fees, by which lawyers agree to charge the client only if they win the case. The arguments in favour of allowing conditional fees are so strong that the Lord Chancellor should permit a much broader permission for this type of arrangement than he is envisaging.

English law has so far adopted a very prim approach to any agreement by which the pay of the lawyer depends on the result of the litigation. In 1896, Lord Esher, the Master of the Rolls, said such fees were prohibited "in order to preserve the honour and honesty of the profession". In 1975, Lord Denning suggested that conditional fees were "contrary to public policy". Lord Justice Buckley added that a lawyer must not have any financial interest in the outcome of the legal proceedings because his professional duty is to apply "a clear eye and an unbiased judgment" and he has a duty to the court "to ensure that his client's case is presented and conducted with scrupulous fairness and integrity". The idea that entering into conditional fee arrangements would lead to lawyers abandoning their objectivity and misleading the court is insulting to the integrity of those who practise law and dismissive of the abilities of the judiciary and professional bodies to discipline lawyers who might be tempted by financial gain to breach their professional duties.

In any event, whatever harm it is feared *may* be caused by conditional fees has to be weighed against the solid reality that many people unable to afford litigation to vindicate their rights would be able to secure legal remedies if they knew they would have to pay their lawyers only if they won the case.

The 1989 green paper, "Contingency Fees", published by the Lord Chancellor's department was a great step forward. The green paper noted that "in Scotland there is a long tradition of the lawyer acting on a speculative basis", being paid only if the client wins the case, and concluded: "There does not appear to be any substantial argument against the introduction of speculative actions in England and Wales." A few months later, the white paper on legal services reported that there was "little objection" to the introduction of speculative fees. The opposition was to a much more controversial form of fee arrangement: the contingency fee, by which the lawyer receives a fixed proportion of the damages recovered by his client from the opposing party in the litigation.

Section 58 of the Courts and Legal Services Act 1990 now makes conditional fees lawful, except in specific types of family law case. However, it is subject to an implementing order being made by the Lord Chancellor. The Lord Chancellor's consultation paper states that he has in mind to permit conditional fees, in the first instance, only in personal injuries actions. Other categories of proceedings, such as libel actions and commercial court cases, might then be added in the future, he says, "depending on the outcome of the initial working of this section". The Lord Chancellor should revert to the logic and policy of the green and white papers. There is no sensible reason for confining the scope of conditional fees when lawyer and client want to enter into such an arrangement. At a time when the financial pressures on legal aid are becoming ever more extreme, other methods of promoting access to courts should be encouraged, not prohibited. What is the objection to a barrister representing his client in an application for judicial review, perhaps in the immigration or housing context, on the basis that he will be paid only if the claim succeeds and the respondent public authority is ordered to pay the costs? The importance of such cases suggests that lawyers should be encouraged to offer their services on such generous terms to those who might otherwise be unable to enforce their rights.

The same is true of litigation in other public law contexts, such as applications to the European Commission of Human Rights. It is absurd that counsel eager to help their clients should be required either to charge no fee or to charge a fee whether or not the case succeeds.

Conditional fees, by which the lawyer is paid only if the client succeeds, and so wins costs from the opposing party, should be generally authorised, except if there is some powerful public interest to the contrary. In this context, as in others, the Lord Chancellor should apply the central truth, which has rightly underpinned the other improvements he has made to the legal system: restrictive practices penalise the consumer by inhibiting access to justice.

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The guilty executives escape

THE publication later this month of a report on workplace deaths by David Bergman for the London Hazards Centre and the organisation Inquest will add to the mounting concern over the number of deaths at work compared with the number of corporate manslaughter prosecutions.

The construction industry has one of the worst safety records. According to the Health and Safety Executive, there are about 150 deaths and 20,000 injuries on building sites every year.

However, Mr Bergman's research, entitled "Corporate Manslaughter, Inquests and Deaths at Work", states that in the London area between April 1988 and March 1990 there were 49 deaths on construction sites and only 19 prosecutions.

The report also criticises shortcomings in the procedure at inquests and expresses concern that so few fatalities result in actions against individual company directors and managers. Only four out of 1,000 deaths in Britain in the past two years have been followed by actions.

Prospective changes to European law could improve the situation by requiring a named individual to be responsible for safety on every building site. The report also contains comprehensive suggestions for reforms in law and practice.

Moral lead

THE job of president of the Law Society will be handed over by the outgoing holder, Tony Holland, to Philip Ely at this week's annual meeting. Whereas Mr Holland took on a number of high-profile and political issues, such as judicial appointments and legal aid, Mr Ely is likely to return to the more domestic issues that concern the solicitor in the street – the "general health of the profession".

A high moral tone is likely. Many solicitors will remember Mr Ely as the one-time chief prosecutor before the Solicitors' Disciplinary Tribunal. One Law Society observer commented: "He has seen more bent solicitors than other council members have had hot dinners, and he has been the one to nail them."

Drink to that

THE announcement of the membership of the Royal Commission of Criminal Justice last month was universally welcomed. The Bar's magazine, *Counsel*, published short curricula vitae of the 11 members of the commission, describing the experience and achievements that make the members suitable for appointment. It was therefore interesting to be told about Anne Rafferty, QC, "a former member of the Pigot Committee on the giving of evidence by vulnerable witness".



that between 1987 and 1990 Miss Rafferty was a member of the southeast circuit wine committee. Perhaps the commission is planning to play hard as well as working hard.

Unilever swoop

AS Sir John Nott joins the City law firm Freshfields as a non-executive member of the so-called "partnership council", its policy making body, Unilever is taking on, Chris Bunting, the outspoken marketing director at D.J. Freeman. Mr Bunting has been with D.J. Freeman for only nine months, signing his contract on the day the firm announced it was intending to make up to six equity partners redundant.

The firm has been hit hard by the recession, but Mr Bunting claims it is through the worst.

"I have just presided over the launch of our new insurance newsletter and a new corporate identity for the firm," he says. "I have had a lot of fun. I have stayed long enough to start the job. The firm is now actively searching for somebody to finish it."

Musical break

CHRISTIANE, the wife of Bruno Boesch, the long-serving resident partner in the London office of a Swiss law firm, Froriep Renggeli, is a composer. Her latest piece, Opus 8, receives its première in the Queen Elizabeth Hall on Sunday. The violin soloist for the evening is Xue-Wen and the programme includes Handel's *Water Music*. Proceeds will go to the Association for All Speech Impaired Children.

SCRIVENOR

● CORRECTION: Anybody referring a dispute to the London International Court of Arbitration will first be offered the mediation services of the Centre for Dispute Resolution (CEDR), not IDR, as published in Law Times last week.

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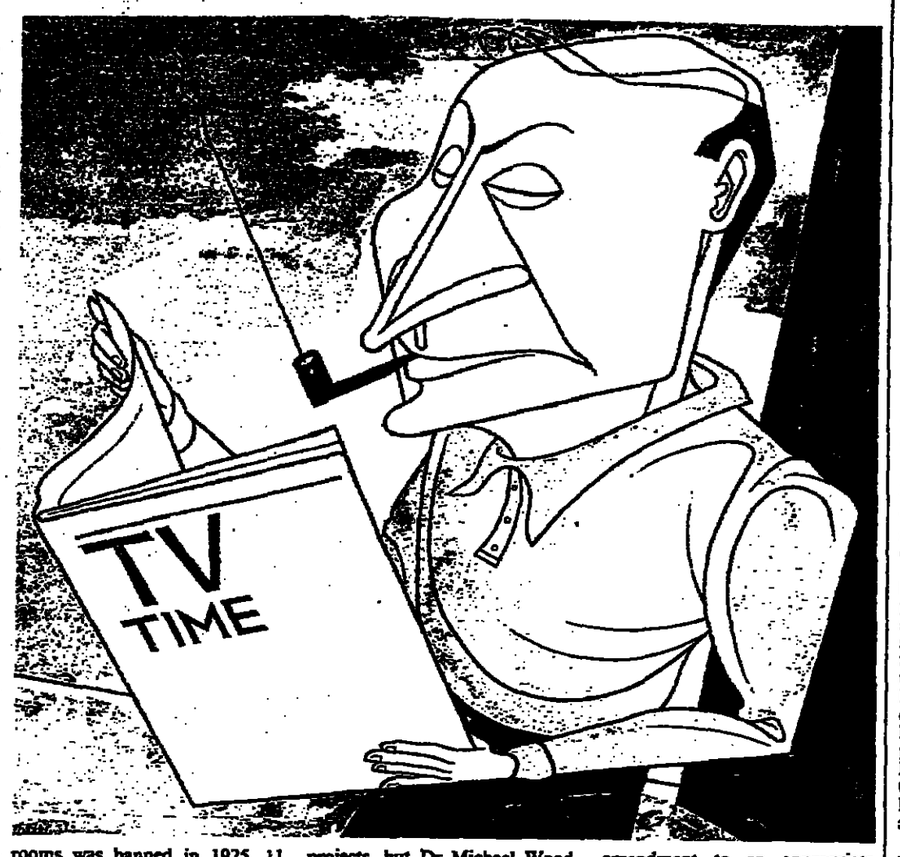
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Justice in your front room

American TV now shows court cases round the clock. The aim is to improve public understanding, writes Jonathan Caplan, QC



Homes in 35 states across the United States were able from last week to call up on their keypads Court Television, the latest cable channel. Court Television, which is vying with Home Box Office and the Sports Channel, is a 24-hour courtroom television network. The partners behind Court TV include the publishers of the *American Lawyer* magazine, Time Warner Inc and NBC, and daily coverage is managed from a New York studio, where explanation and analysis are given by a team of expert legal commentators.

Up to three live trials, chosen for their public and educational interest, are covered every day from anywhere in the US. Every hour brings an update of court news and weekend viewing includes programmes of continuing education for the practising lawyer.

The trials scheduled for last week's launch included a "right to die" suit in New Jersey, a breach of contract case involving a plastic surgeon, his secretary and her abortion that never was in Louisville, and a breach of copyright case over photographs of the actor James Dean in New York.

Then, for some criminal content, viewers were taken over live to a murder trial in Fort Lauderdale.

"The cases we track and select", says Steven Brill, Court TV's chief executive, "will be chosen for their newsworthy nature and their ability to help viewers to understand better the nation's legal process. If I tell you I am going to get Americans to watch contract and intellectual property law you might say I am crazy, but if I tell you I am going to do it by covering Paul Newman being sued by somebody claiming that Newman's salad dressing was not Newman's, then you might not."

Now that 45 American states permit television coverage of their state courts, Court TV already has a wide choice of trial and appellate courts.

The July 1 launch date, however, was no accident. It coincided with the cameras being allowed for the first time into selected federal courts for a three-year experiment. Their exclusion from the federal jurisdiction had been the final frontier but now, with the sole exception of the Supreme Court, viewers can observe virtually every jurisdiction in the US at work. Court TV confidently expects large audiences.

Those opposed to televising courts have often used the argument that the television moguls would be interested only in the salacious criminal trials and in the unrepresentative "soundbites", striking phrases from a speech. Mr Brill and his colleagues aim to prove them wrong.

Not only will Court TV cover a wide range of civil and constitutional cases, but there will also be educational tapes for law students, visits to schools and printed materials for viewers – all of which are devised to promote a better understanding of the legal system and of the function of judge and advocate.

Ironically, perhaps, Court TV is having discussions with the BBC for the rights to broadcast its material in Britain.

British television viewers have never been able to observe British judges and British courts at work because photography in our courtrooms was banned in 1925, 11 years before television became commercially available. For those, therefore, who have neither the time nor the resources to attend court, their understanding of how the legal process works in practice is likely, for the immediate future, to be based on foreign coverage.

An attempt was made in February to alter the law so that cameras could be allowed into English courtrooms for pilot projects, but Dr Michael Woodcock's private member's bill was talked out on its second reading and stood over for further parliamentary time, which it will never receive. Although the government took a neutral stance in the debate, it is unlikely yet to want to alter the absolute prohibition on photography in its own legislation.

As this is not a party issue, however, and as there is wide support for a change in the law, an amendment to an appropriate government bill must stand a good chance of success soon before the full House of Commons.

Meanwhile, Court TV is on the air. "I want Americans to see and learn about their legal system," Mr Brill says. "I want confidence in our rule of law. To achieve that you need to be able to observe, and today that means television."

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The City's great money muddle

An architect, starting from scratch, would never have created Britain's fragmented regulatory structure for finance and commerce. The marriage of the Securities Association and the Association of Futures Brokers & Dealers may be just the start of rationalisation. For example, there is speculation that the current Securities and Investments Board review of the investment industry may lead to the demise of Fimbra, which regulates financial advisers.

Dr Marjorie Mowlam, Labour's City and corporate affairs spokeswoman, says of the system: "The clearest demonstration of its failure is that some people outside London have not even opened their rule books. Also, the institutions to do with fraud are too numerous, and the system is too confusing for people abroad."

In the past ten years there have been nine acts dealing with companies and their solvency, insurance, banking and financial services. The regulatory bodies are the trade and industry department, the Securities & Investments Board, the four self-regulating organisations (Lautro, Fimbra, Imro and the SFA), the recognised professional bodies, such as the Law Society and the Institute of Chartered Accountants, the Stock Exchange, the Bank of England and the council of Lloyd's.

Some businesses may have to register with several different bodies. Criminal action, if required, falls mainly to the Serious Fraud Office and the Fraud Investigations Group of the Crown Prosecution Service, but some regulatory bodies prosecute too.

Several bodies may be involved in an investigation. A report on a trade department investigation usually interests several regulators as well as the prosecutors.

Sometimes an investigator needs a "legal gateway" to pass information to an investigator from a different body. Occasionally these gateways are blocked. All this duplicates effort, causes delay and can sap the confidence in the integrity of the markets that the regulatory structure is intended to foster. The bodies have differing, and often inconsistent, investigative powers. Rationalisation of the powers would help those under investigation to know where they stand.

Skilful rationalisation should produce economies, as every body has its own investigative, administrative, budgetary and training structure. Efficiency should result from sharing expertise and databases. Resources could be used better. For example, the Serious Fraud Office may reject cases if its workload is heavy. Other bodies have to accept the cases and risk becoming submerged.

Paying compensation when businesses fail can be even more costly. Fimbra can testify to this in the wake of the Dunsdale and Levitt collapses. Rationalisation would enlarge the pool and spread the burden. In addition, the public should know where to turn.

Change would not be universally welcomed. The structure is too new for members to want further upheaval, and big is not always beautiful. Skill and imaginative leadership would be needed to avoid a bureaucracy in which individuals felt their contribution went unnoticed.

Should there be separate mergers of the regulators and the prosecutors, or should a new body embrace both? Who pays? And what about accountability?

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Date of liability to investor

Securities and Investments Board and Another v Financial Intermediaries, Managers and Brokers Regulatory Association Ltd

Before Mr Justice Morritt

[Judgment June 21]

An investor could receive compensation from the fund set up under section 54 of the Financial Services Act 1986 in respect of a liability incurred by an authorised person as from December 18, 1986. Although that pre-dated the coming into force of the section defining an "authorised person", that did not entail section 54 having retrospective effect.

Mr Justice Morritt so held in a reserved judgment in the Chancery Division on an originating summons issued by the Securities and Investments Board (SIB) and Investors Compensation Scheme Ltd. The respondents were the Financial Intermediaries, Managers and Brokers Regulatory Association (Fimbra) and Mrs Linda Kelsey, an investor.

Section 54 provides: "(1) The secretary of state may, by rules, establish a scheme for compensating investors in cases where persons who are, or have been, authorised persons are unable, or likely to be unable, to satisfy claims in respect of any description of civil liability incurred by them in connection with their investment businesses."

Mr John Lindsay, QC and Mr Michael Green for SIB; Mr Robin Potts, QC, for Fimbra; Mr Patrick Howell, QC and Mr Guy Newey for Mrs Kelsey.

MR JUSTICE MORRITT said that section 54(1) of the 1986 Act provided for the establishment of a scheme for compensating certain investors who had lost money in investments.

The SIB which managed the scheme sought the determination of the court on whether investors should be compensated in respect of such liability whenever it was incurred or only if it was incurred within a specific period and if so which.

The first problem was whether section 54 had retrospective effect. Applying *Yew Bon Tew v Kenderaan Bas Mara* ([1983] 1 AC 553, 558) and *R v St Mary Whitechapel (Inhabitants)* ((1848) 12 QB 120) a statute was only retrospective if it impaired a vested right, created a new obligation or attached a new disability in regard to events already past. But it was not retrospective if part of the requisites for its action was drawn from a time antecedent to its passing.

Thus the test was to consider whether the direct operation of the statute was prospective, even though some of the conditions for its operation had occurred before the passing of the Act.

Mrs Kelsey placed £8,000 with Dunsdale Securities Ltd, now in liquidation, for investment at their discretion in gilt-edged securities. She paid £6,000 to that company on May 30, 1985, that is, before the 1986 Act received the Royal Assent on November 7, 1986.

She also paid £2,000 on August 24, 1987 which was after the coming into force of section 1 and Schedule 1, defining "investments" and "investment business" on December 18, 1986 and of section 54 on June 4, 1987. But it was before chapter 3, which prescribed who was an authorised person, came into effect on April 29, 1988.

Section 54 was not merely stating when the compensation scheme was to operate but was prescribing the conditions in which the right to compensation might arise. Therefore the liability to investors for which compensation was sought had to satisfy three conditions.

In relation to the third condition it was plain to his Lordship for all the reasons given by the Queen's Bench Divisional Court in *R v Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, Ex parte R* ([1989] 1 WLR 372) that there could be no liability incurred in connection with investment business until the definition of that term came into force on December 18, 1986.

But, Fimbra said, in that case the cut-off date had to be later, that is, when the section defining authorised person came into force. His Lordship rejected that argument. In his judgment, the answer lay in the words "or have been" in section 54.

Those words showed that the liability in question might be incurred at a time when the person incurring the liability was not an authorised person. Thus, there was no temporal link between authorisation and incurring the liability.

Although the word "them" referred to persons who were, or had been, authorised, the subsection recognised that the liability might be incurred by an unauthorised person. Thus, liabilities incurred after a person had ceased to be authorised were plainly included.

Nothing was said about liabilities incurred before authorisation. His Lordship did not think it would be right to imply into the enabling subsection a condition which would exclude them. He could see no reason why compensation for such liabilities should be excluded when the subsection was not retrospective in operation but did require that the person should be authorised at some time. There was, therefore, no necessity for any such implication.

Accordingly, the relevant date was December 18, 1986. Mrs Kelsey might be compensated for her £2,000 payment but would not be for her payment of £6,000.

Solicitors: Mr A. M. Whittaker; Mr C. P. Pinnell; Mr A. M. Whittaker.

Capital distribution was not small

O'Rourke (Inspector of Taxes) v Binks

Before Mr Justice Vinelott

[Judgment June 17]

A capital distribution representing 15.58 per cent of the value of shares in respect of which it was made was not "small, as compared with the value of [those] shares", within the meaning of section 72(2) of the Capital Gains Tax Act 1979.

The fact that a glaring anomaly, which could not have been intended by the draftsman, flowed from a literal construction of unambiguous words in section 72(4) of that Act did not entitle the court to depart from their clear meaning.

Mr Justice Vinelott so held in the Chancery Division, in dismissing an appeal by the Crown from the decision of a special commissioner, who had allowed an appeal by the taxpayer, Edward Binks, against an assessment to capital gains tax for the year 1982/3 in the sum of £224,046, reducing it to £25,901.

Section 72 provides: "(1) Where a person receives . . . in respect of shares in a company any capital distribution from the company (other than a new holding . . .) he shall be treated as if he had in consideration of that capital distribution disposed of an interest in the shares.

"(2) If the inspector is satisfied that the amount distributed is small, as compared with the value of the shares in respect of which it is distributed, and so directs — (a) the occasion of the capital distribution shall not be treated . . . as a disposal of the asset, and (b) the amount distributed shall be deducted from any expenditure allowable under this Act as a deduction in computing a gain or loss on the disposal of the shares . . .

"(3) A person who is dissatisfied with the refusal of the inspector to give a direction under this section may appeal to the Commissioners . . .

"(4) Where the allowable expenditure is less than the amount distributed (or is nil) — (a) subsections (2) and (3) above shall not apply, and (b) if the recipient so elects (and there is any allowable expenditure) — (i) the amount distributed shall be reduced by the amount of the allowable expenditure, and (ii) none of that expenditure shall be allowable as a deduction in computing a gain accruing on the occasion of the capital distribution, or on any subsequent occasion.

"In this subsection 'allowable expenditure' means the expenditure which immediately before the occasion of the capital distribution was attributable to the shares under paragraphs (a) and (b) of section 32(1) above."

Mr Launcelot Henderson for the Crown; Mr G. R. A. Argles for the taxpayer.

MR JUSTICE VINELOTT said that under the terms of an offer by Redlands plc for the whole issued share capital of Cawoods Holdings Ltd, in which the taxpayer held shares in respect of which his allowable expenditure was £214,602, the taxpayer received in exchange for those shares (i) shares in Redlands (namely, "a new holding") having a market value of £1,336,792 and (ii) shares in another company (namely, "a capital distribution") having a market value of £246,699.

The inspector had accordingly computed the taxpayer's chargeable gain at £246,699 less £33,435.

The taxpayer had contended, first that compared with £1,336,792, £246,699 was (being 15.58 per cent of the former) small; second, that since his allowable expenditure (£214,602) was less that the amount distributed (£246,699), subsection (4) of section 72, which expressly disapplied subsections (2) and (3), led to his gain (prior to an indexation adjustment) being simply the difference beween those two sums.

Counsel for the Crown had submitted, first, that in this context 15.58 per cent was not small. His Lordship agreed.

Second, counsel submitted that the forebear, in the Finance Act 1966, of subsection (4) had been enacted to correct a glaring anomaly in the forebear, in the Finance Act 1965, of subsection (2): namely, that where the allowable expenditure was less than the amount distributed, the latter clearly could not be deducted from the former.

The result, when a capital distribution was relatively small, so that subsection (2) could apply, would be (under its paragraph (a)) that no immediate tax would be payable and (under its paragraph (b)) that the excess of the capital distribution over the allowable expenditure would escape tax altogether.

What was now subsection (4) had simply been intended to correct that anomaly. It should therefore be construed as if it only applied in a case where otherwise subsections (2) and (3) would apply, namely to cases of relatively small distributions.

He had prayed in aid *dicta* of Lord Wilberforce in *Fairrell v Alexander* ([1977] AC 59, 72) and of Lord Diplock in *IRC v Joiner* ([1975] 1 WLR 1701, 1709-11).

However, as Lord Simon of Glaisdale had said in *Stock v Frank Jones (Tipton) Ltd* ([1978] 1 WLR 231, 236): "The final task of construction is still, as always, to ascertain the meaning of what the draftsman has said, rather than to ascertain what the draftsman meant to say".

If the legislature had meant to provide that subsection (4) should be limited to relatively small distributions, it had misfired, just as it had in *Ayrshire Employers Mutual Insurance Association Ltd v IRC* ((1946) 27 TC 331). The Crown's appeal was therefore be dismissed.

Solicitors: Solicitor of Inland Revenue; Simpson Curtis, Leeds.

Judging negligence by course of conduct

Westway Homes Ltd v Gore Wood & Co

Where a solicitor was said to have acted negligently in giving notice to the vendor's solicitor, rather than to the vendor personally, of his client's intention to exercise an option to purchase land, the solicitor's state of mind was irrelevant. It was his course of conduct which had to be judged.

The Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Neill and Lord Justice Beldam) so held on June 12 in allowing an appeal by the defendants, a firm of solicitors, against two orders by Judge Hyam, sitting as a High Court judge, giving summary judgment for and awarding damages to the plaintiff property developers.

LORD JUSTICE BELDAM said to succeed in their action the plaintiffs had to show that in all the circumstances an action a prudent solicitor could not have taken. That was a question of fact involving not only consideration of the circumstances but also on what a reasonable solicitor in those circumstances would have done.

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Leeds General is a large teaching hospital with laboratories providing both diagnostic services for the Leeds Western Health Authority and research facilities for Leeds university. The research projects are a bonus for MLSOs, who get the opportunity to work in another, yet related, field in addition to performing their routine diagnostic work.

In one department, chemical pathology, there are about 40 MLSOs, most with degrees, higher national certificates or A-levels. Another five staff work in the recently established grade of medical laboratory assistant, which requires no formal qualifications.

David Beaven, the senior chief MLSO, says the laboratory carries out more than 200 different types of tests, with about 50 of those tests providing the core of the work. MLSO staff work normal office hours but are on call at all times. Clinical chemistry, Mr Beaven explains, is the investigation of blood plasma and other body fluids for various chemical constituents.

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However, Mr Beaven has noticed a change over the years. "Twenty years ago you needed O-levels. In the Seventies there was an influx of biology graduates who could not find interesting work elsewhere.

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Scarsdale (m) (Newn); J M Schooling (Jesus); A Seah (m) (Sidney); A J Sederman (Fitz); K Sehbi (m) (John); S A Sexton (Trin); R Shah (m) (Emm); G Shannon (Down); D Sheldrake (Newn); R G Shelton (m) (Newn); I R Shelton (Magd); P G Sherlock (Cath); D M Siddle (m) (Cath); C L Simmons (Caius); V K Simmons (m) (Fitz); R W Simpson-White (Trin); J Singer (Corpus); J A Skelton (Trin); E C Small (Newn); D F Smith (m) (Trin); R A Smith (m) (Chur); R M Smith (Jesus); R E Smith (New H); M A Smith (m) (Caius); C J Soffe (Christ's); R J South (m) (Pemb); B R Spencer (Caius); P A Stanway (m) (Selw); S R Stebbing (Cath); N J Stevens (Emm); A Stevens (Trin); H Stewarton (Selw); J C Stichbury (m) (Magd); A L Stokes (Cath); K M Stott (Chr); H G Stowers (m) (Cath); C A Sweeting (Rob); J E Tansley (m) (Exm); D L Taylor (Selw); M S Taylor (Sidney); D Teesdale (m) (Clare); D C Thomas (m) (Cath); R J Thomas (Caius); E J Thompson (m) (Christ's); H J Thompson (Christ's); M Thornsley (Queens'); N Thornton (Selw); P Thrower (m) (Trin); M J Fisher (Trin); K J Fletcher (m) (New H); C A J Forsyth (Magd); J T M Forton (Clare); A C Fraser (Queens'); R P F Gardner (m) (Corpus); C L Garner (Jesus); J C Gascoigne (Corpus); C Gee (m) (Peterh); J C Gilchrist (m) (Jesus); D R S Glucksman (Girt); H Gong (m) (New H); J Gough (m) (Queens'); T E Hawkins (Pemb); K N Keogh (Corpus); P A Gervais (Selw); A C Green (John); J Greatrex (Jesus); M C Green (Down); S J Griffiths (Selw); A J Grocott (m) (Caius); R G Gundelach (m) (Sidney); N M W Haggett (Selw); A K Hagstrom (Magd); G Hall (Caius); C E Hall (m) (Trin H); J G Hamley (Pemb); J P Harcup (m) (Trin H); M J Hardcastle (m) (Chur); P Harrison (Corpus); A P Harvey (m) (Caius); T E Hawkins (Selw); J L Hatton (New H); C M A Hawtrey (Christ's); M J Hayes (Cath); A D Heslop (Caius); S H Hewitt (m) (Selw); D N Hewson (m) (John); C M Hepburn (m) (Christ's); M Heppenstall (m) (Cai); Z Heron (Trin); A A Hindle (m) (Cars); N J Hodgkinson (m) (Selw); T L Holberton (New H); D C Holland (Cath); P K Hopkins (Clare); M I N Hosenally (Caius); D L Howard (Emm); D I Howells (m) (Selw); G Huggins (Newn); T P E Hughes (m) (Emm); A K M Humphreys (m) (Trin); M S J Hunter (m) (Trin); J Hutchings (m) (Exm); A Hyndman (m) (Down); J M Hudson (m) (Peterh); T Moody-Stuart (Caius); A R Myers (m) (Clare); A S Nelson (m) (Chur); W H F Nimmo (m) (John); A M Normand (m) (Pemb); A S Nouri (m) (Down); G I Ogilvie (m) (Clare); G E Parnall (m) (Fitz); M E Palmer (Peterh); S A Pardiman (Down); R Parnall (John); S Patel (m) (Trin); K J Peace (m) (Down); C J Pickup (m) (Trin H); R N R V W Pointon (Trin); M R Pool (Fitz); J D Price (m) (Jesus); J R Prowle (m) (Emm); N J Purser (m) (Chr); M J Radcliffe (Chur); M A Rawlings (Chur); G P Salam (m) (King's); R A Sayeed (m) (Caius); K R Searle (m) (Down); N D Sellers-Hamilton (m) (Trin); J R Selway (m) (Pemb); R K Semple (m) (Clare); N M Senior (Corpus); R Shah (m) (Cath); G J A Skinner (m) (Trin H); J M Skilton (m) (Pemb); K V Simpson (Christ's); C J Small (Queens'); J R Smallwood (m) (Selw); R E Smith (m) (Clare); P Z Smyth (m) (Trin H); A M South (m) (Christ's); A M Stacey (m) (Christ's); R K Staples (m) (Jesus); A Stephens (Cat) (Pemb); J M Sterrett (m) (Trin H); R W M Storm (m) (Down); Y J Tan (m) (New); R E Tuleon (Christ's); M A J Tyler (m) (Fitz); S E Tyson (m) (Selw); J M Tomidas (m) (Chur); T T Tucker (m) (Chur); S D Vincent (m) (Queens'); M J Von Bertele (Queens'); M J Wedge (Clare); C Warren (m) (Peterh); S L Warriner (m) (Chur); A Wasenczuk (m) (Emm); C A L Watson (m) (Clare); J M Waugh (m) (Peterh); M J Weston (Chr); C F M Williams (m) (Selw); G J Williams (Caius); J C Williams (Pemb); A J Williamson (m) (Rob); C L Willis (Emm); K O J Wong (m) (Corpus); S A Zaman (m) (Christ's).

Computer science tripos
part IA

Class I: C T Charlton (Queens'); M Bennett (Queens'); G F Hayes (Queens'); P D Hurley (Trin); C I Yip Toe-Yin (Queens'); W K Leung (Robi); N S Panchal (Chur); N K Williams (Girt).

Class II (Div 1): I M Addison (Chur); A Balcocker (Chur); M J Channing (Chur); L G Clarke (Christ's); I V Davenport (John); P A Dutton (Rob); K M Ewald (Chur); P Fairclough (Selw); C Hardling (Queens'); S J Hodges (Girt); N Hollaker (Fitz); R P Johnston (Chur); G A Long (Trin H); C J Lynch (Chur); S V Parker (Queens'); S R Pope (Jesus); P Ramperiait (Pemb); M J Williams (Selw); A M Yeo (Queens'); M A Adam (Chur); J S Agrawal (m) (Trin); J S Ahluwalia (Emm); D L Bailey (Selw); M S Taylor (Sidney); D Teesdale (m) (Clare); D C Thomas (m) (Cath); R J Thomas (Caius); E J Thompson (m) (Christ's); H J Thompson (Christ's); M Thornsley (Queens'); N Thornton (Selw); P Thrower (m) (Trin); M J Fisher (Trin); K J Fletcher (New H); C A J Forsyth (Magd); J T M Forton (Clare); A C Fraser (Queens'); R P F Gardner (m) (Corpus); C L Garner (Jesus); J C Gascoigne (Corpus); C Gee (m) (Peterh); J C Gilchrist (m) (Jesus); D R S Glucksman (Girt); H Gong (m) (New H); J Gough (m) (Queens'); T E Hawkins (Pemb); K N Keogh (Corpus); P A Gervais (Selw); A C Green (John); J Greatrex (Jesus); M C Green (Down); S J Griffiths (Selw); A J Grocott (m) (Caius); R G Gundelach (m) (Sidney); N M W Haggett (Selw); A K Hagstrom (Magd); G Hall (Caius); C E Hall (m) (Trin H); J G Hamley (Pemb); J P Harcup (m) (Trin H); M J Hardcastle (m) (Chur); P Harrison (Corpus); A P Harvey (m) (Caius); T E Hawkins (Selw); J L Hatton (New H); C M A Hawtrey (Christ's); M J Hayes (Cath); A D Heslop (Caius); S H Hewitt (m) (Selw); D N Hewson (m) (John); C M Hepburn (m) (Christ's); M Heppenstall (m) (Cai); Z Heron (Trin); A A Hindle (m) (Cars); N J Hodgkinson (m) (Selw); T L Holberton (New H); D C Holland (Cath); P K Hopkins (Clare); M I N Hosenally (Caius); D L Howard (Emm); D I Howells (m) (Selw); G Huggins (Newn); T P E Hughes (m) (Emm); A K M Humphreys (m) (Trin); M S J Hunter (m) (Trin); J Hutchings (m) (Exm); A Hyndman (m) (Down); J M Hudson (m) (Peterh); T Moody-Stuart (Caius); A R Myers (m) (Clare); A S Nelson (m) (Chur); W H F Nimmo (m) (John); A M Normand (m) (Pemb); A S Nouri (m) (Down); G I Ogilvie (m) (Clare); G E Parnall (m) (Fitz); M E Palmer (Peterh); S A Pardiman (Down); R Parnall (John); S Patel (m) (Trin); K J Peace (m) (Down); C J Pickup (m) (Trin H); R N R V W Pointon (Trin); M R Pool (Fitz); J D Price (m) (Jesus); J R Prowle (m) (Emm); N J Purser (m) (Chr); M J Radcliffe (Chur); M A Rawlings (Chur); G P Salam (m) (King's); R A Sayeed (m) (Caius); K R Searle (m) (Down); N D Sellers-Hamilton (m) (Trin); J R Selway (m) (Pemb); R K Semple (m) (Clare); N M Senior (Corpus); R Shah (m) (Cath); G J A Skinner (m) (Trin H); J M Skilton (m) (Pemb); K V Simpson (Christ's); C J Small (Queens'); J R Smallwood (m) (Selw); R E Smith (m) (Clare); P Z Smyth (m) (Trin H); A M South (m) (Christ's); A M Stacey (m) (Christ's); R K Staples (m) (Jesus); A Stephens (Cat) (Pemb); J M Sterrett (m) (Trin H); R W M Storm (m) (Down); Y J Tan (m) (New); R E Tuleon (Christ's); M A J Tyler (m) (Fitz); S E Tyson (m) (Selw); J M Tomidas (m) (Chur); T T Tucker (m) (Chur); S D Vincent (m) (Queens'); M J Von Bertele (Queens'); M J Wedge (Clare); C Warren (m) (Peterh); S L Warriner (m) (Chur); A Wasenczuk (m) (Emm); C A L Watson (m) (Clare); J M Waugh (m) (Peterh); M J Weston (Chr); C F M Williams (m) (Selw); G J Williams (Caius); J C Williams (Pemb); A J Williamson (m) (Rob); C L Willis (Emm); K O J Wong (m) (Corpus); S A Zaman (m) (Christ's).

Engineering tripos
Part IB

Class I: C J Allen (Trin); A J Baldock (Jesus); C G Bell (Girt); C M Best (Queens'); V K Bhagat (Chur); D G Bramley (Chur); T M Cains (Chur); D R H Carter (Emm); H W Chan (Trin); K C J Cheung (Selw); K C Cheung (Selw); P G Coghlan (Christ's); M J Collins (John); D Debald (Magd); E R Dean (Emm); R J Dell (Queens'); M Dimmock (King's); I R Edmonds (King's); E A Ellis (John); M W D Foggett (Chur); P M Fordham (Corpus); C Gordon-Pickering (Chur); A Gundle (Peterh); R A Hamer (Chur); G J Hamer (John); M A Hawkes (Emm); C J Hayden (Selw); E Holmshaw (Jesus); V L Evans (New H); C H Faison (Sidney); P Fitzmaurice (Queens'); M J Foster (Trin); A J Gall (John); A J Gabb (Rob); C D S Gibbons (Chr); P J Gill (Pemb); S E Gilmore (Girt); M J Gilmore (Girt); A J Gilmore (Girt); M J Gilmore (Girt); A J Gilmore (Girt); M J Gilmore (Girt); A J

Spirit and imagination spark success

Charles Knevitt reports on this year's Community Enterprise Scheme awards. Sponsors include *The Times*

TODAY, the Prince of Wales, patron of the Community Enterprise Scheme, will present awards to community groups who have undertaken the most "imaginative, viable and need-fulfilling" projects in their local areas.

There are 11 category awards, 18 commendations and 25 honourable mentions this year. The two top awards to be presented are the Charles Douglas-Home Award for the most outstanding entry and a new Chairman's Award for a project which has been sustained for 20 years.

The difficult task of finding the nominees fell to a team of 24 assessors, who toured the country in search of excellence, often achieved in the most difficult financial circumstances.

Capital funding for community development projects remains a key issue, as the private sector is in recession and government limits on public spending reduce the money available. The problems faced by the voluntary sector will be addressed at a seminar on finance for community enterprise coinciding with the awards ceremony.

STEPHEN MARKESON



Award winner: CARIOCCA Enterprises, Manchester



Award winner: Taf & Cleddau Rural Initiative, Dyfed



Award winner: the North Kensington Amenity Trust

Welcome neighbour on derelict doorstep

Manchester's notorious "Fort" Ardwick housing development, now empty and near-derelict just 20 years after completion, has a new neighbour in the form of 111 managed workspaces costing £1.7 million, giving hope to this run-down inner city area.

Faced with high levels of unemployment, particularly among the Afro-Caribbean population, members of the Caribbean Islands Organisations' Co-ordinating Committee decided in 1986 to set up their own company to encourage aspiring entrepreneurs. They formed CARIOCCA Enterprises (Manchester) Ltd to undertake a project designed to meet economic and social needs and to be economically viable and have a sustained effect.

Assisted by Bradford Micro Firms as its business consultant, architects Michael Hyde and Associates, and with advice from the employment officer of the Manchester Council for Community Relations, the board raised finance from the environment department through Manchester city council, which also provided the site on a long-term lease, one and a half miles from the city centre.

The awards assessors were "most impressed by the tenacity of the CARIOCCA board to overcome many difficulties" along the way and, despite enormous competition from other category winners in south Wales, London, and Glasgow, it was agreed that this project should receive the Charles Douglas-Home Award as the most outstanding entry this year.

Occupancy rates are well above 90 per cent, with between 250 and 300 people employed on site. In addition to the workspaces, there are training, business counselling and support services, such as secretarial help, book-keeping and security. Tenants include accountants, couriers, dressmakers, meat wholesalers and building contractors.

The workspaces are an example of practical efforts by local people to solve their own problems by stimulating the birth and growth of new businesses.

After six years, during which the Community Enterprise Scheme has attracted more than 1,300 entries, the dogged determination and ability of community entrepreneurs throughout the country to deliver never ceases to amaze me. The projects demonstrate a remarkable range of achievement, vitality and innovation, often against enormous odds.

This year we have seen particularly encouraging winners in the categories for Training and Business. The Bethesda Enterprise Workshops, in Liverpool, for example, involve more than 100 trainees in the renovation and adaptation of three buildings, with a new link block, which will provide managed workshops and offices, a day nursery, shops, gymnasium and other facilities.

CARIOCCA Enterprises in Manchester, winner of the Business category and the Charles Douglas-Home Award for the most outstanding entry, is an example of the ability of the Afro-Caribbean communities to bring to life their dreams for the future. Manchester city council is to be congratulated on giving this project its whole-hearted support.

For the first time, we have introduced a category for Rural Initiatives. Taf & Cleddau Rural Initiative, in Dyfed, South Wales, was a very strong contender for the top award and has many similarities with the CARE project, based in Barnsley, which received the Charles Douglas-Home award two years ago. I am delighted that the Prince of Wales Committee, in Cardiff, is one of the partners with local councils and professional advisers.

'I have the deepest admiration for those who gives their life and energy in a selfless quest to rebuild their neighbourhood'



A message from the Prince of Wales, patron of the Scheme

Sustainability is one of the key criteria in assessing entries. For that reason the special Chairman's Award this year, to the North Kensington Amenity Trust, in London, is of great significance. For 20 years the trust has forged ahead with a wide-ranging programme for the economic and social benefit of local people. It was one of the earliest community enterprise projects in the country and continues to provide inspiration and hope to many other groups.

But to secure a sustainable future for such marvellous projects we must ensure that they are adequately resourced. That is why a year ago I issued a challenge to those with financial clout to find a way forward. Yesterday and this morning more than 50 delegates have been addressing themselves to the problem, at a seminar sponsored by British Petroleum and the environment department. I will be fascinated to hear the results of their deliberations at today's awards ceremony.

For those who give their life and energy in a selfless quest to rebuild their neighbourhood, I have nothing but the deepest admiration.

Pioneer project is an inspiration to others

In the annals of community enterprise, North Kensington Amenity Trust in west London shares a special place as one of the country's most innovative pioneering projects.

The trust was formed as a partnership between voluntary associations and the local authority in 1971, to repair the damage caused by the new A40 Westway slicing through the neighbourhood. Bulldozers had cleared a path to create the elevated road, leaving the area underneath abandoned and seemingly redundant.

Anger at what was happening to their "patch" moved local residents to action, with the formation of a playspace group in 1966. Five years later the trust was set up and negotiated to lease the land, at a peppercorn rent, from the transport department.

Today about £10 million has been invested in buildings on 20 of the 23 acres: a fifth for commercial purposes and the balance for use by the local community. The offices, shops, light industrial units, workshops and an outdoor market provide 750 jobs. Space has been provided for 25 local organisations and charities, landscaped gardens and an eight-acre sports and recreation centre.

Starting with a council grant of £25,000, it now has a turnover of £1 million. It was helped by other grants and loans from central and local government, and trusts such as Sainsbury and City Parochial. The trust now employs 43 full-time staff and is self-sufficient.

The assessors described the results as "stunning". What impressed them was the scale of the project, and the continuing vitality and commitment of local people.

Lord Scarman, chairman of the scheme, decided its contribution and inspiration to others should be recognised with the first Chairman's Award.

● *The Community Enterprise Scheme vice-chairman is John Thompson; secretary, Charles Knevitt, and administrator, Robin Dean. The main sponsors of the awards are* The Times, *the Royal Institute of British Architects, and Business in the Community.*

WINNERS

☐ The Housing Associations Charitable Trust Award for Housing, sponsored by HACT and Kingfisher plc — Kent Women's Aid Refuge, Gillingham, Kent. *Commendation:* Charlotte Gardens, Smethwick, West Midlands.

☐ The Gulbenkian Award for Community Buildings, sponsored by the Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation — Downend Folk House, Bristol; Easton Community Centre, Bristol; Horton Village Hall Refurbishment, Leek. *Commendations:* Foolow Village Hall, Eyam, Derbyshire; Dove Holes Community Centre, Buxton; Vale Community Centre, Wollaton, Notts; Menheniot Parish Hall, Liskeard.

☐ The National Children's Play Award, sponsored by the National Children's Play and Recreation Unit — St Christopher's Community Park Project, Wolverhampton. *Commendations:* Warndon Play Park, Worcester; Tall Trees Play Park, Edinburgh.

☐ The Times Environment Award, sponsored by Shell UK Ltd — National Language Centre, Pwllheli, North Wales. *Commendations:* Colin Glen Forest Park, Belfast; New Green Community Trust Mini Park, Bury St Edmunds.

☐ The Community Enterprise Business Award, sponsored by United Biscuits (UK) Ltd — Cariocca Enterprises, Manchester, wins the Charles Douglas-Home Award as well as the category Award. *Commendation:* Mactaggart Pool Islay and Jura, Islay, Argyll.

☐ The Community Enterprise Award for Training, sponsored by Marks & Spencer plc — Bethesda Enterprise Workshops, Liverpool. *Commendation:* Women's Information Drop-In Centre, Belfast.

☐ The Rural Community Initiative Award, sponsored by the Rural Development Commission and the Post Office — Taf & Cleddau Rural Initiative, Narberth, South Wales. *Commendations:* Alnwick District Playhouse Trust, Northumbria; Flagg & Monyash School House Project, Bakewell; Cardenden Community Store, Lochgelly, Fife.

☐ The Riba Community Architecture Award, sponsored by the Royal Institute of British Architects — Fleet Road Renewal, London. *Commendation:* Montague Centre Broadway, Belfast.

☐ The Community Development Foundation Award for Partnership, sponsored by the Community Development Foundation — Future for Lorne Project, Leith, Edinburgh. *Commendations:* Llwympia Terraces Project, Rhondda, South Wales; The Waterfront, Norwich; Camberwell After School Centre, London.

☐ *Honourable Mentions:* Cirencester Housing for Young People, Cirencester; Garthdee Project, Aberdeen; Hamlet Village Housing Cooperative, Liverpool; Woodman's Court, Boston, Lincs; Kingsmead Neighbourhood Improvement Scheme, Bath; Mulleek Community Project, Fermanagh, NI; Mullaghdon Community Project, Fermanagh, NI; COA Community Centre, Enniskillen, NI; Alwoodley Children's Playground, Leeds; Bacup Environmental Improvement Scheme, Bacup, Lancs; The Young Ones, Yeovil; Hastings Urban Conservation Project, Hastings; Thorntree Initiatives Centre/Community Security/EMCV, Middlesbrough; East/West Women's Employment Project, Middlesbrough; DDA Clogher Valley Community Resource Centre, Co Tyrone, NI; Stanton-by-Dale Post Office & Shop, Ilkestone, Derby; The Silkstone Heritage Stones Project, Barnsley; Wootton Courtenay Villagers' Stores, Minehead; Lighthorne Community Post Office, Warwickshire; 10 to 2 Narrow Boat Project, Northwich, Cheshire; Menter Fachwen, Caernarfon, Wales; Cambridgeshire Open Doors, Cambridge; Ullaspool, Ullapool, Scotland; The Shelter Centrepoint Soho, London; Wee Hub Day Care Centre, Failley, Clydebank.

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Cllr John MacDougall, Chairman

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Twenty-five years after the opening of Grafham Water, **Brian Clarke** examines the reservoir's impact on the progress of fly fishing

The lake that became a bridge to the people

THIS summer marks the 25th anniversary of what history may regard as the most important development this century in English trout fishing.

It is 25 years since Grafham Water, in what used to be Huntingdonshire, first opened. It has since stimulated huge growth in fly fishing as a sport, promoted big developments in tackle and technique, and influenced the values of one of the oldest and loveliest of outdoor pursuits, although not always for the better.

Grafham was not the first water supply reservoir to be stocked with trout and made available to the public. Beautiful Blagdon, near Bristol, had opened in 1901, and Chew Valley, not far from Blagdon, had taken the same course half a century later. There were even two small stocked reservoirs — Ravensthorpe and Hollowell — close by in Northamptonshire.

All produced the spectacular sport that fly fishermen have come to expect when lowland valleys are flooded and stocked for the first time: sport with young fish that have grown at scale-bursting speed because the water is so rich and the acquatic life so prolific.

It was the coincidence of three factors that made Grafham so important: it was enormous (1,500 acres); it was developed in the heart of the country, within easy reach of huge centres of population; and it appeared as the car and a little money were becoming available to almost all. Grafham Water brought fly fishing for trout within reach of the ordinary man.

With the influx of thousands of anglers a year came many of the finest brains in coarse fishing — men who, unencumbered with the legacies of salmon fishing and traditional loch fishing, began to apply themselves to the new challenges as they found them. Soon, lowland stillwater trout fishing, as opposed to loch-style fishing or river trout fishing, began to emerge as a distinct branch of fly fishing.

What had gone before was not jettisoned, but built upon. There followed, as other great lakes opened — including Draycott, Hanningfield, and the huge Rutland Water — a period of technical and tactical innovation unequalled in a hundred years.

One of the great men of coarse fishing designed the world's first carbon-fibre fly rod; another developed a special, clamp-on rudder that caused a free-drifting boat to move diagonally across the waves, instead of straight downwind (to the great advantage of the angler); others began to prospect for trout in the deeps — finding and catching fish that had long lain untroubled by traditional loch-fishing methods. Work on some of these advances had begun before Grafham opened, but it was Grafham and the new anglers that were drawn to the sport that saw them fully developed and given general application.

DREW GARDINER



A sport's new horizon: Grafham Water puts fly fishing for trout within reach of the ordinary man

As the popularity of fly fishing increased, so the economics changed. Existing, smaller lakes were netted of coarse fish and stocked with trout; new small waters, specially designed and dug, began to break out across the landscape.

Many of the most interesting of these small lakes appeared in the chalk country of the south. They are served by gin-clear, underground springs that produce waters in which individual fish can be seen and stalked. Suddenly, many more anglers than those who could afford to fish the chalk streams found, for the first time, that fishing can become hunting, one-on-one.

Today, there is first-class fly fishing within the reach of every sizeable city and town. It is even possible to fly-fish for large trout in London.

For some, the sense of perspective has gone awry. Among fishery owners, as well as among fishermen, the urge to compete has not always brought out the best. Not every development in technique is seen as a contribution to the sport, or even as true fly fishing at all.

"Limititis", a disease afflicting those who cannot bear to go to the water without catching the upper limit of fish that the rules allow — four, six, eight, even 10 — is rampant.

Also, in recent years, as the supply of fishing waters has caught up with demand, competition between owners has intensified and some bizarre enterprises have been launched.

Some fisheries have stocked only with huge fish, appealing to those who fail to recognise that size is relative; that there is little satisfaction to catching a large fish from a water if only large fish are present. Other fisheries have stocked at huge densities, introducing so many fish to a lake that natural fly-life cannot possibly support them: a ploy which leads to easy fishing because the fish become hungry and more willing to take anything.

The most bizarre and gimmicky ploy has been the stocking of a couple of lakes with Atlantic salmon — a special madness because the stomachs of Atlantic salmon atrophy in fresh water: the fish cannot feed at all. But all these are mere alarms, and excursions and saddening diversions, and most such fisheries either have, or quickly will, go under. On the great majority of waters, traditional values hold sway.

While no-one can deny the essential artificiality of fishing in lakes that are regularly stocked with trout reared for the purpose, the well-run stillwater lake provides an outlet for fishing demand that did not exist before.

The opening of Grafham Water, above all other lakes and all other events, was the catalyst for an extraordinary boom. Grafham helped to turn fly fishing from being essentially a minority pursuit into a sport that today has over 600,000 followers and, 25 years on, it is a role that deserves acknowledging and an anniversary worth noting.

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Broome returns to La Baule in regular company

By JENNY MACARTHUR

DAVID Broome, who became world champion in 1970 at La Baule, will return to the scene of his greatest triumph following his selection yesterday for the British showjumping team for this year's European championships to be held at La Baule in Brittany from July 17 to 21.

Broome, aged 51, who won his world title on Douglas Bunn's Beethoven, joins the three "regulars", John and Michael Whitaker and Nick Skelton on the team which will be attempting a record fourth successive victory. Joe Turi, a member of the 1989 gold-medal winning team but who has failed to find his best form this season with Waysider, is the travelling reserve.

The British show-jumping selectors, under the chairmanship of Bunn, have named 14 horses on the team list as a precaution against any accident between now and the start of the championships.

All being well, John Whitaker will defend his individual title on Henderson Milton, and his younger brother, Michael, the reigning silver-medal winner, will ride Henderson Monsanto. Broome is likely to choose his King George V Gold cup winner, Lannegan, but has an able reserve in his Olympic horse, Countryman.

Skelton, whose best horse, Grand Slam, is injured, is likely to ride Broome's Phoenix Park after his confident performance in the Luxembourg Nations Cup last weekend where they had four faults on each round. He will have Michael's young horse Zamira B as reserve.

While there is no obvious threat to Whitaker's defence of the individual title, the British team cannot afford to have a weak link if it is to retain the team title. The Dutch underlined their strength when winning the competitive Aachen Nations Cup last month. The French, the reigning world champions and winners of the Hickstead Nations Cup in June, are always difficult to beat on home ground. Spain also come into the reckoning for the first time since the team competition started in 1975. Determined to be a force at the Barcelona Olympics they have been training in The Netherlands for the last year and confirmed their progress when winning the Luxembourg Nations Cup shortly after finishing runners-up at Aachen.

BRITISH TEAM: J Whitaker (Henderson Milton, Henderson Gammon, Henderson Grannusch), M Whitaker (Henderson Monsanto, Henderson Glofestumer, Henderson Tess Hanauer), N Skelton (Alan Paul Zamira B, Alan Paul Apollo, Phoenix Park), D Broome (Countryman and Lannegan). Travelling reserve: J Turi (Vital, Ever If Ever and Waysider).

Colt becomes driving force at Badminton

RIDERS at the Badminton Horse Trials from May 7 to 10 next year will compete for the Mitsubishi Motors trophy following the announcement yesterday that the world's most famous three-day event has signed a three-year sponsorship with the Cirencester-based Colt Car Company Limited, importers of Mitsubishi vehicles (Jenny MacArthur writes). The contract is worth £250,000 in the first year but does not include the promotional costs.

Hugh Thomas, the director of Badminton, who was approached by a number of companies following the withdrawal of Whitbread after 30 years, described the sponsorship yesterday as "a fillip both for us and equestrian sport in general.

"We are particularly pleased to become involved with a major international company which has such strong local connections. I very much hope it will become a long-term partnership."

The £250,000 which is comparable to Whitbread's contribution this year, will enable Badminton "to continue to develop facilities for both the competitors and the public as the world's premier three-day event". Thomas said he hoped that the £60,000 total prize-money, already a record in the sport, will be increased still further.

Colt cars is no stranger to equestrian sport, having sponsored show jumping and racing, including the 1979 Grand National.

Peter Beanmont, the managing director and chief executive of the company, yesterday said: "As a British company we are delighted to add the Mitsubishi motor trading name to a world famous British three-day event which takes place virtually on our doorstep."

FOOTBALL FORECAST

Saturday July 13

VICTORIA SECOND DIVISION
X Bentleigh v Richmond
1 Clifton Hill v Sandr'ngham
2 Dandenong v Chelsea
2 Donc'st'r v Br'dmead's
X Geelong v Waverley
1 Keilor v Altona City
1 Nunawading v Sunbury
1 St Polonia v Brighton

VICTORIA THIRD DIVISION
1 Clarinda v Springvale U
1 E Brunswick v Coburg
2 Eltham v Clayton
2 Heidelberg v Corio
V Holland Pk v Fitzroy
2 Lalor v Seaford U
X Moorabbin v Oakleigh S

VICTORIA FOURTH DIVISION
2 Hawthorn v Pascoe Vale
X Keringal v Cranbourne
1 Rosanna v Nemlyn
1 S Dandenong v Langw'rrn
X Spr'gvale C v M'm'ng'n
1 Yarraville v Boroola

VICTORIA FIFTH DIVISION
1 E Altona v S Werribee
2 Frankston U v Melton
X Knox Park v Berwick
1 Malvern v Brunswick C
2 N Sunshine v William'n
1 S Spr'gvale v West Vale
2 Yallourn v Forest Hill

WEST AUSTRALIA SUPER LEAGUE
1 Athena v Spearwood
2 Bayswater v Stirling M
2 Kelmscott v N Perth
1 Kingsway v Perth Ital

WEST AUSTRALIA PREMIER DIVISION
1 Dianella v Osborne Pk
X Gosnells v Ferndale
1 Inglewood v Forrest'ld
1 Melville v E Perth
2 Stirling T v Balga
1 Swan Crao v Bassend'n
2 Whitford v Wanneroo

WEST AUSTRALIA FIRST DIVISION
X Booragoon v University
1 Canning v Vasto
2 Morley v Queens Pk
X North Lake v Perth City
2 Subiaco v Cockburn
X Swan IC v Geraldton

SOUTH AUSTRALIA FIRST DIVISION
1 Adelaide C v L-Grange
1 Azuni v Polonia
X Modbury v Croatia
1 Salisbury v Hellas
1 WT Birkalla v Blackw'd
2 Woodville v Para Hills

SOUTH AUSTRALIA SECOND DIVISION
1 Campb'town v Seaford
1 Elizabeth v Olympians
1 Enfield v Adelaide O
X Noarlunga v Central Dist
1 Pt Adelaide v Cumbad'd

QUEENSLAND THIRD DIVISION
2 Latrobe v Redlands
X Logan v Capalaba

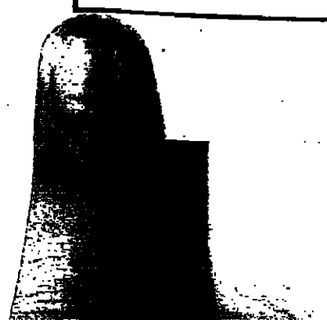
TREBLE CHANCE (home teams): Bentleigh, Geelong, Keringal, Springvale City, Knox Park, Gosnells, Booragoon, North Lake, Swan IC, Modbury, Noarlunga, Logan.

BEST DRAWS: Keringal, Gosnells, North Lake, Swan IC, Logan.

AWAYS: Chelsea, Broadmeadows, Corio, Seaford United, Pascoe Vale, Stirling Macedonia, Balga, Wanneroo.

HOMES: Clifton Hill, Nunawading, Clarinda, East Brunswick, Yarraville, Athena, Inglewood, Swan Crao, Canning, Salisbury, WT Birkalla, Enfield.

● Vince Wright



Miss Bluebird to speed home

FOLLOWING Marling's victory in the Queen Mary Stakes at Royal Ascot, Miss Bluebird now appears to have a good chance of winning the Hillsdown Cherry Hinton Stakes at Newmarket today in the hands of Michael Roberts.

On her only appearance to date this filly, who is owned and trained by Paul Kelleway, ran the redoubtable Marling to a neck in the National Stakes at Sandown.

That was a promising performance for a number of reasons, not the least of them being that Marling and Miss Bluebird had drawn 12 lengths clear of the third and fourth who, like Marling, had won previously.

As Marling had earlier beaten Twafeaj by a length and a half at Newmarket, there is every reason to suppose that Miss Bluebird can deal with that rival even though she was receiving weight from Marling when she made that highly promising debut at Sandown.

Solar Star and Coffee Ice, who had the finish of the Ewar Stud Farm Stakes to themselves over this same course and distance ten days ago, renew rivalry on the same terms.

On that occasion Solar Star finished the stronger to win by a neck. Now I expect the pattern to be repeated even though she may have to play second fiddle to Miss Bluebird.

Having run the Norfolk Stakes runner-up Paris House to a short head on the Rowley Mile course in May, Branston Abby looks more of a threat than the only other runner, Musicale, although the Henry Cecil-trained filly is unbeaten after visits to Lingfield and Warwick.

Miss Bluebird is taken to initiate a double for Roberts with Go Executive becoming the second leg by winning the Citroen ZX Handicap at the end of the programme.

MANDARIN

MICHAEL PHILLIPS

This son of Sharpo, a champion sprinter in his time, should relish this drop back to six furlongs having run well in his last three races which were over longer distances.

Today's programme can begin with Alan Munro winning the Strutt & Parker Maiden Stakes for Fahd Salman and Paul Cole on Providence, who was beaten only a head at Brighton first time out by the more experienced Sir Boudle.

That looked a more promising performance than Martanda Light's rather distant second to Artic Tracker, even though I concede that the winner was one of the most promising youngsters seen out so far this season.

The conditions of the Fairview New Homes Chesterfield Stakes, the only other race for two-year-olds on the card, look tailor-made to suit the Norfolk Stakes third Power Lake, who reverts to five furlongs after being outstayed by Cambrian Hills over further at Salisbury.

Resolute Bay and Yearsley would stand good chances of lifting the Ladbroke Bunbury Cup at their best.

But as that best usually occurs only when the ground is riding fast I feel that it would be more profitable now to support the recent Royal Hunt Cup winner Esrofiuk The Lad, especially as rain is in the air again.

If form at the highest level means anything at all, Rock Hopper should land my nap by capturing the Princess of Wales's Stakes.

Of his five rivals today, he has already beaten Mountain Kingdom, Sapience, Mukddaam and Spritsail this season. That leaves only Old Vic's disappointing half-brother Splash Of Colour, who let his side down again when beaten a head by Coolcullen at Leopardstown in May.

In contrast, Rock Hopper was far from disgraced in France last time when beaten three lengths into second place in the Grand Prix de Saint-Cloud.

The winner was Epervier Bleu who was runner-up in last year's Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe.

Finally, Jack Lang appeals as a good bet to win the Tanshelf Maiden Stakes at Pontefract, where those in-form five-year-olds Aughfad and Jalmusique are taken to defy top weight in the King Richard III Handicap and the Nyquist Handicap respectively.

Blinkered first time

PONTEFRACT: 5.00 Macconachie. 5.30 First Right, Splendidly Bold.

Mystiko in fine fettle for Newmarket showdown

By MICHAEL SEELY
RACING CORRESPONDENT

MYSTIKO put himself firmly on target for the Carroll Foundation July Cup on Thursday with a satisfactory workout at Newmarket yesterday.

"Mystiko galloped over five furlongs, with Michael Roberts up," said his trainer Clive Brittain. "We were quite happy with the way he went and he is a definite runner."

Roberts missed four mounts at Leicester yesterday as he was complaining of a strained neck, but the South African jockey hopes to be back in action at Newmarket today.

Brittain has not significantly altered the training programme of Lady Beaverbrook's grey 2,000 Guineas winner, who subsequently failed to stay a mile and a half when finishing tenth behind Generous in the Derby.

"We've trained him roughly the same way," Brittain went on. "We've just shortened his work up slightly. We don't think it's any problem bringing him back in distance. After all, four furlongs out at Epsom we knew he wasn't going to win and he was allowed to come home in his own time."

Corals are prepared to lay 3-1 against Mystiko and, predictably, the always-enthusiastic Brittain is breathing fire and thunder about the horse's chances. "He's tremendous value. Leave out the Derby and he'd be a raging hot favourite. Nothing could go with him in the seven-furlong Free Handicap and in the Guineas he had the race sewn up after six furlongs."

History says that the trainer has far more logic on his side now than when insisting that the headstrong Mystiko was likely to stay 12 furlongs at Epsom. In 1987 Ajdal was brought back by Michael Stoute from being placed in the Guineas and finishing down the field in the Derby to winning the July Cup, the William Hill Sprint Championship and the Vernons Sprint Cup. Also in the past seven years, Chief Singer, Green Desert, Soviet Star and Royal Academy have been other mile classic winning or placed horses to have gone on to triumph in the highlight of the July meeting.



Brittain: gave Mystiko five-furlong gallop

However, yesterday the punters were preferring Elbio, Peter Makin's impressive winner of the King's Stand Stakes at Royal Ascot. Ladbrokes trimmed Elbio's price from 5-2 to 9-4 after all-day support.

As Steve Cauthen will be required to partner either Chicarica or Lycius for Sheikh Mohammed, the Marlborough trainer has booked Walter Swinburn.

Although Elbio's three previous pattern race successes have been gained over the minimum distance, the trainer is confident that his four-year-old will be equally at home over six. "The horse is in cracking form physically — better than I've ever had him — but at the same time you have to respect the opposition in any group one race.

"As a Guineas winner Mystiko is a cracking horse but I would hope we'd have the beating of Polish Patriot and of the French horse Lycius, who was well beaten in the Irish Guineas."

Anthony Stroud, Sheikh Mohammed's racing manager, confirmed that both Chicarica and Lycius are possible runners. "Steve Cauthen will have to decide between the two," he said. "Lycius likes it firm, but the softer it is for Chicarica the better."

The latest betting from Corals is as follows: 5-2 Elbio, 3-1 Mystiko, 9-2 (from 4-1) Lycius, 5-1 (from 6-1) Chicarica and 7-1 Polish Patriot.

Stroud also said that no firm plans have yet been made for Saturday's gallant Eclipse Stakes runner-up, Stagecraft. "Basically, we've got two alternatives. We could go for the King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Diamond Stakes but the horse needs soft ground. The alternative route would be to consider an autumn campaign, consisting of races like the Juddmonte International at York, then the Arc, the Champion Stakes and the Breeders' Cup.

If the second programme is adopted for Stagecraft, the four-year-old would be likely to be renewing last Saturday's rivalry with the winner, Environment Friend. "To go to York would now seem the logical step," said James Fanshawe. "Environment Friend has already won a group two and a group one race over a mile and a quarter. Unfortunately, he ran so disappointingly in the Derby that we didn't find out whether he'll stay a mile and a half or not."

The trainer thinks that Bill Gredley's progressive three-year-old can now only improve as the season goes on. "He certainly improved from the Dante to the Eclipse. He's getting stronger all the time and looks a different horse now from what he did in the spring."

☐ Neville Callaghan's Corrupt, who disappointed in the Derby and King Edward VII Stakes at Royal Ascot, Bold Russian and Zoman are among 12 entries for the group three £35,000 Scottish Classic at Ayr on Saturday.

NEWMARKET

MANDARIN	THUNDERER	MICHAEL SEELY
2.00 Providence.	2.00 Providence.	3.35 SUPEROO (nap).
2.35 Power Lake.	2.35 Power Lake.	
3.05 Miss Bluebird.	3.05 Solar Star.	
3.35 Eurolink The Lad.	3.35 EUROLINK THE LAD (nap).	
4.10 ROCK HOPPER (nap).	4.10 Rock Hopper.	
4.45 Go Executive.	4.45 Alfaares.	

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 3.05 SOLAR STAR (nap). 4.10 Rock Hopper.

GOING: GOOD — DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE — SIS

2.00 STRUTT & PARKER MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £5,900: 7f) (11 runners)

101	(8)		CASANOVA (Kennet Valley Thoroughbreds Ltd) R Armstrong 9-0	B Crossley —
102	(10)		COLORIFIC (K Abdulla) B Hills 9-0	Pat Eddery —
103	(7)		GIROLAMO (Sheikh Mohammed) G Harwood 9-0	R Cochrane —
104	(11)		LER CRU (Mrs C Brittain) C Brittain 9-0	M Roberts —
105	(5)	2	MARTANDA LIGHT 10 (B) (R Tikkoo) B Hanbury 9-0	B Raymond —
106	(2)		NASEER (F Kefa) N Callaghan 9-0	T Quinn —
107	(1)	9	PAGEBOY 24 (Lord Scarsdale) P Haslam 9-0	Dale Gibson —
108	(4)	2	PROVIDENCE 14 (BF) (F Salman) P Cole 9-0	A Munro —
109	(9)		REGAL LOVER (A Bridgewater) M Bell 9-0	M Hills —
110	(6)		SKY HUNTER (A Budge (Equine) Ltd) R Hannon 9-0	W Carson —
111	(3)		TWIST AND TURN (Sheikh Mohammed) H Cecil 9-0	S Cauthen —

BETTING: 4-1 Providence, 5-1 Twist And Turn, Colorific, 6-1 Martanda Light, 8-1 Regal Lover, 10-1 Girolamo, 12-1 Casanova, 14-1 Sky Hunter, 20-1 Ler Cru, 25-1 Naseer, 33-1 Pageboy.

1990: BRAVEFOOT 9-0 W Carson (6-4 fav) W Ham 12 ran

FORM FOCUS

MARTANDA LIGHT 10f 2nd to Artic Tracker at Newmarket (7f, good). PAGEBOY made some late headway when 7th of 9 to Jade at York (9f, good to soft). PROVIDENCE head 2nd to Sir Boudle at Brighton (8f, good to soft). CASANOVA (foaled Feb 10, cost 18,000gns) is by Petoski out of a mare placed over 1m 4f. COLORIFIC (Apr 25) is a Rainbow Quest half-brother to Musidora Stakes winner Rajuvenate. Dam won over 6f as a juvenile and won the Group II Ribblesdale Stakes (1m 4f). GIROLAMO (Feb 12) is by Shareef Dancer out of the very smart Lucent, 1m-1m 4f winner. SKY HUNTER (Mar 25, $100,000) is a brother to Astraeus, winner of 6 races from 6f-1m. TWIST AND TURN (Feb 26) is by Groom Dancer out of a mare who won over 6f as a juvenile.
Selection: MARTANDA LIGHT

2.35 FAIRVIEW NEW HOMES CHESTERFIELD STAKES — C4

(Listed race: 2-Y-O: £13,300: 5f) (3 runners)

201	(3)	1121	BIT-A-MAGIC 16 (CD,F,G) (A Broe) J Berry 9-3	L Piggott 93
202	(2)	216	NIGHT DUTY 18 (D,G) (R Sangster) P Chapple-Hyam 8-12	W R Swinburn 95
203	(1)	132	POWER LAKE 12 (D,BF,F) (A Budge (Equine) Ltd) R Hannon 8-12	B Raymond ● 99

BETTING: Evens Power Lake, 15-8 Bit-A-Magic, 11-4 Night Duty.

1990: SEDUCTRESS 8-10 W R Swinburn (12-1) M Stoute 7 ran

FORM FOCUS

BIT-A-MAGIC beat Whittingham ½l in a listed race at San Siro (5f, good). Ascot (5f, good). POWER LAKE 3l 2nd to Cambrian Hills at Salisbury (5f, good to soft).
NIGHT DUTY slightly disappointing 3l 6th to Ieder at Selection: POWER LAKE

3.05 HILLSDOWN CHERRY HINTON STAKES — C4

(Group III: 2-Y-O fillies: £21,411: 6f) (6 runners)

301	(3)	312	BRANSTON ABBEY 57 (F) (J Abell) M W Easterby 8-9	W Carson ● 99
302	(1)	12	COFFEE ICE 10 (BF,G) (Lord Carnarvon) R Hannon 8-8	W R Swinburn 94
303	(2)	2	MISS BLUEBIRD 42 (F Kelleway) P Kelleway 8-8	M Roberts 88
304	(5)	11	MUSICALE 17 (D,F) (R Sangster) H Cecil 8-8	S Cauthen 82
305	(4)	11	SOLAR STAR 10 (CD,F,G) (F Salman) M Bell 8-8	A Munro 85
306	(6)	221	TWAFEAJ 25 (D,G) (A Ali) B Hanbury 8-8	Pat Eddery 92

BETTING: 11-4 Miss Bluebird, 7-2 Solar Star, 9-2 Musicale, 11-2 Branston Abby, Coffee Ice, 8-1 Twafeaj.

1990: CHICARICA 8-12 W R Swinburn (9-4) J Gosden 8 ran

FORM FOCUS

BRANSTON ABBEY short head 2nd to Paris House at Newmarket (5f, good). COFFEE ICE beat Photo Realism 3½l at Newbury (5f 34yd, good).
MISS BLUEBIRD excellent neck 2nd to Queen Mary Stakes winner Marling at Sandown (5f, good to firm). MUSICALE beat Kentucky Starlet 1½l at Warwick (7f, good to firm). SOLAR STAR beat COFFEE ICE (same terms) a neck at Newmarket (6f, good). TWAFEAJ easily beat Neo-Classical 3l at York (6f, good).
Selection: MISS BLUEBIRD

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
W Ham	26	99	26.3	S Cauthen	82	427	19.2
H Cecil	69	310	22.3	W Carson	74	460	16.1
M Naughton	6	30	20.0	L Piggott	4	29	13.8
M Stoute	50	256	19.5	R Cochrane	54	356	13.8
J Gosden	9	57	15.8	M Hills	34	267	12.7
J Wharton	5	35	14.3	Pat Eddery	58	462	12.6

3.35 LADBROKE BUNBURY CUP — C4

(Handicap: £20,062: 7f) (17 runners)

401	(1)	14660-5	MAC'S FIGHTER 68 (B,CD,F,G) (M McDonnell) W O'Gorman 6-8-13	Pat Eddery	91
402	(13)	654008	SAVAHRA SOUND 18 (D,F,G,S) (A Budge (Equine) Ltd) R Hannon 5-8-7	B Raymond	94
403	(17)	0512020	ARANY 10 (S) (Mrs P Kelmer) M Tompkins 4-8-7	R Hills	93
404	(14)	4150-51	EUROLINK THE LAD 20 (D,F,G) (Eurolink Ltd) J Dunlop 4-8-3	L Dettori	95
405	(11)	1210	SAVOYARD 29 (D,F,G) (Lady Bute) M Jarvis 3-8-0	W R Swinburn	89
406	(9)	05-3135	STATE DANCER 20 (F) (Ecurie Fustok) M Moubarak 4-8-9	A Cruz	94
407	(10)	003302	RESOLUTE BAY 10 (V,F) (D Buckley) R Whitaker 5-8-8	A Culhane	92
408	(8)	5-11364	DORSET DUKE 20 (CD,F,G) (G Waggi G Wragg 4-8-6	N Hall (7)	98
409	(16)	409113	GENTLE HERO 8 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (M O'Grady) M Naughton 5-8-4	M Roberts	97
410	(4)	511915	CHEVEUX MITCHELL 11 (V,D,F,G) (Mrs C Wood) M Channon 4-8-3	T Quinn	97
411	(12)	80-0036	EASY LINE 28 (C,BF,F,G,S) (C Potter) P Feilden 8-8-3	D Holland (3)	96
412	(2)	000-408	YEARSLEY 10 (D,F,G) (J Armitage) M H Easterby 5-8-2	W Carson ● 99	
413	(15)	3-34211	CAROLES EXPRESS 16 (D,G,S) (Mrs S Crane) R Akehurst 3-7-13	A Munro	91
414	(3)	6600-00	SUPEROO 20 (CD,F,G) (A Finney) J Sutcliffe 5-7-11	N Adams	89
415	(5)	660-301	CORRIN HILL 29 (D,F,G) (K Knox) B Hills 4-7-7	E Johnson	90
416	(6)	534100	SHARP N' SMOOTH 20 (G) (Mrs E Mitchell) R Hannon 4-7-7	B Doyle (5)	88
417	(7)	044408	SHARPALTO 22 (D,G) (Millgrew Bloodstock) E Wheeler 4-7-7	Dale Gibson	95

Long handicap: Corrin Hill 7-4, Sharp N' Smooth 7-4, Sharpalto 7-3.

BETTING: 7-1 Eurolink The Lad, Superoo, 8-1 Caroles Express, State Dancer, Yearsley, 10-1 Gentle Hero, 12-1 Mac's Fighter, Savahra Sound, 14-1 Arany, Resolute Bay, 16-1 Easy Line, 20-1 others.

1990: FEDORIA 4-8-3 L Dettori (6-1) M Jarvis 19 ran

FORM FOCUS

SAVAHRA SOUND 6l 4th of 29 to Amigo Menor in the Wokingham Handicap at Royal Ascot (6f, good), with RESOLUTE BAY 12l 25th. ARANY 4½l 7th of 12 to La Grange Music in group III Van Geest Criterion Stakes over course and distance (good). EUROLINK THE LAD beat Operation Wolf neck in Royal Hunt Cup at Royal Ascot (1m, good), with STATE DANCER (7lb better off) 3½l 5th, SHARP N' SMOOTH (8lb better off) 5l 7th and SUPEROO never dangerous 14th. SAVOYARD beat Too Conspicuous 2½l at Leicester (7f, good) on penultimate start. STATE DANCER 3l 3rd to Mellottie in valuable handicap at York on penultimate start (1m, good to firm), with YEARSLEY disappointing 15th. RESOLUTE BAY headed post when short-head 2nd to Rocton North at Newcastle (7f, good to firm), with YEARSLEY (8lb better off) 5l 5th. DORSET DUKE 5½l 4th to Cannibal Baby at Ripon (1m, good to soft). GENTLE HERO 1l 3rd to Chaplins Club at Pontefract (6f, good). Previously, beat Consulate neck at Ayr (6f, good). CHEVEUX MITCHELL beat Juvenara 2½l at Lingfield (7f, good) on penultimate start. CAROLES EXPRESS made all to beat Langtry Lady 1½l at Lingfield (7f, heavy). Previously, beat Armati 2½l at Epsom (7f, good). CORRIN HILL easily beat Age Of Miracles ¾l at Brighton (7f, good).
Selection: EUROLINK THE LAD

4.10 PRINCESS OF WALES'S STAKES — C4

(Group II: £42,198: 1m 4f) (6 runners)

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502	(6)	1-11312	ROCK HOPPER 9 (CD,F,G,S) (M.Al Maktoum) M Stoute 4-9-3	Pat Eddery ● 99	
503	(5)	0/2210-0	SAPIENCE 33 (CD,F,G) (W O'Gorman) Jimmy Fitzgerald 5-8-9	W R Swinburn	98
504	(3)	1-42-501	MUKDDAAM 10 (CD,F,G) (H Al-Maktoum) W Ham 4-9-0	W Carson	91
505	(2)	118-82	SPLASH OF COLOUR 55 (D,BF,G) (S Hanada) M V O'Brien (Ire) 4-9-0	L Piggott	93
506	(4)	313-163	SPRITSAIL 18 (CD,F,G,S) (Lady Howard de Walden) H Cecil 5-9-0	S Cauthen	97

BETTING: 4-6 Rock Hopper, 8-1 Mountain Kingdom, 7-1 Spritsail, 8-1 Mukddaam, 10-1 Splash Of Colour, 16-1 Sapience.

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Selection: ROCK HOPPER

4.45 CITROEN ZX HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £5,848: 6f) (9 runners)

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602	(7)	22-133	ALFAARES 59 (C,BF,F) (H Al-Maktoum) W Ham 9-8	W Carson	91
603	(4)	115-344	TRIVIALITY 31 (D,G,S) (Lord Derby) J Gosden 8-13	R Cochrane	86
604	(1)	130-343	PANCHOS PEARL 27 (D,F) (Mrs J Yarnold) Mrs J Cecil 8-12	L Piggott	88
605	(5)	430-513	PANIKIN 13 (F) (P Lambert) J Wharton 8-10	L Dettori	93
606	(3)	110-500	PENNY MINT 17 (CD,F,G) (A Norman-Thorpe) J Eustace 8-2	R Hills	91
607	(2)	16-	MAYAASA 271 (C,F) (Miss H Al Maktoum) A Scott 8-1	D Harrison (7)	85
608	(9)	200320	GO EXECUTIVE 18 (D,G) (M Dawes) C Brittain 7-13	M Roberts ● 99	
609	(8)	4-35334	GREEN GLOW 15 (V,G) (Mrs E Weinstein) M Tompkins 7-7	Dale Gibson	90

BETTING: 7-2 Alfaaras, 9-2 Go Executive, 5-1 Anjiz, Green Glow, 8-1 Panchos Pearl, 8-1 Panikin, 10-1 Penny Mint, 12-1 Triviality, 25-1 Mayaasa.

1990: POLAR BIRD 9-2 M Hills 20-1 (8 Hills) 11 ran

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Selection: ALFAARES (nap)

4.25 NYQUIST HANDICAP (£3,590: 1m) (10 runners)

1	(7)	05-1341	JALMUSIQUE 8 (D,BF,F) (Mrs J Pallister) M H Easterby 5-10-0	M Birch ● 99	
2	(6)	15-5140	YOU ARE A STAR 20 (CD,F,G) (Mrs M Barwell) M Tompkins 5-9-13	C Hodgson (5)	97
3	(4)	1300-40	IRISH PASSAGE 4 (CD,F,G) (T Wilson) T Barron 8-9-4	Alex Greaves	91
4	(5)	100-600	YOUNG JASON 13 (CD,F,G) (Mrs G Lee) F Lee 8-9-4	S Perks	90
5	(9)	155006	BOWDEN BOY 4 (G) (T Forsman) N Callaghan 3-9-2	G Duffield	85
6	(10)	120803	BESCABY BOY 10 (CD,F,G,S) (Pancella Estates Ltd) J Wharton 5-8-12	J Williams	88
7	(1)	541-346	CLAUDIA MISS 13 (S) (W Haigh) W Haigh 4-8-9	Dean McKeown	88
8	(8)	230/02	SLANGI VAH 106 (G) (W Musson) W Musson 8-8-2	A Mackay	80
9	(2)	053116	AVISHAYES 10 (CD,F) (N De Savary) Mrs J Ramsden 4-7-12	J Lowe	87
10	(3)	00-0000	SI SAWAT 17 (CD,F) (J May) M Avison 4-7-7	N Kennedy (5)	85

Long handicap: Si Sawat 7-5.

BETTING: 5-2 Jalmusique, 9-2 You Are A Star, 5-1 Avishayes, 6-1 Bescaby Boy, 8-1 Young Jason, Bowden Boy, 10-1 Slangi Vah, Irish Passage, 12-1 others.

1990: MONTEROS BOY 5-8-0 D Holland (3-1) B Hills 10 ran

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Mansell confirms magic is still there

By JOHN BLUNSDEN

MOST of the estimated 120,000 people who flock to Silverstone for the British grand prix this weekend will do so hoping to witness another of Nigel Mansell's epic grandstand-stirring drives to cap his inspired victory in the French grand prix last Sunday.

No British Formula One driver has ever pushed himself as hard as Mansell or, for that matter, has earned as much for his endeavours, that elusive world championship notwithstanding.

Every time Mansell climbs into his car you know that if the need arises he will somehow tap reserves of skill that can defy belief. At Silverstone in 1987, the way he passed his Williams team rival, Nelson Piquet, to regain the lead after a pit stop was breathtaking in its brilliance, as was his display in Mexico last year when he aimed his Ferrari around the outside of Gerhard Berger's McLaren on that 160mph 180-degree right-hander — generally reckoned to be the most dangerous corner in Formula One — where Ayrton Senna came to grief last month.

Mansell's two overtaking manoeuvres against Alain Prost in France last Sunday confirmed that the magic is still there.

It goes without saying that Mansell has the utmost confidence in his own ability to deliver but sometimes he asks more of his car than it is capable of giving.

Stirling Moss, whose record of 16 GP victories by an English driver Mansell has now passed, used to suffer in the same way, which was why he was denied the world title he so richly deserved.

Fortunately for Mansell, the British race enthusiast is more interested in heroes than champions, and he is the latest in a distinguished line of Britons who have earned themselves star status.

Back in the Fifties one tended to be either a Stirling Moss or a Mike Hawthorn supporter; you could scarcely be both because, driving skill apart, they were such different people. Moss — short, springy-heeled, busy as a bee and forever on the move, set out to make motor racing his profession and in doing so became an adept showman.

In stark contrast, Hawthorn — tall, blond, handsome and laid back, went racing simply because he loved driving for its own sake, and the socializing which in those free and easy days went with it.

In the Sixties, Graham Hill, Jim Clark and John Surtees held centre stage. Hill, the extrovert in public and a fine ambassador for his sport, was a hard grafter whose success was honed from application and determination. It had to be because he lacked the incredible natural ability of Jim Clark, the shy Scots border-farmer, whose technical knowledge was modest, but who made everything on the track look so easy. John Surtees was a mixture of Hill and Clark. Capitalizing on his motorcycle background, he was extremely quick, strong technically, but out of the car a somewhat intense and private person.

Then along came Jackie Stewart, who lifted professionalism on to a higher level in the new era of sponsorship. An articulate and hard-working showman, he used his success with consummate skill. "Test, test, test" was his motto, and the Tyrrell team invariably arrived for a race better prepared than anyone else.

When Stewart retired, James Hunt moved into the headlines, his links with the flamboyant Lord Alexander Hesketh giving him a "pop" image which rocked the sport's establishment. But the playboy could drive, so well, in fact, that many were prepared to tolerate, if not to forgive, his sartorial shortcomings at a time when the sport was developing its big business image.

Britain's next grand prix hero might have been the shy Welshman, Tom Pryce, or perhaps the Englishman, Tony Brise, both of whom had revealed stupendous potential before dying early in their Formula One careers.

Instead, a vacuum remained until 1985, when Mansell moved from Lotus to Williams and found himself with a car worthy of his talent. Since that day, this dedicated and emotional sportsman, who derives such inspiration from the applause of his admirers at the trackside, has achieved as much as any of his predecessors in the role of star performer. Win or lose on Sunday, he can be relied upon to give us something special to remember.



CREAM OF BRITISH MOTOR RACING

JAMES HUNT (Above, left): Born: August 29, 1947. Grands prix won: 10. Second places: 6. Pole positions: 14.

JACKIE STEWART (second left): Born: June 11, 1939. Grands prix won: 27. Second places: 11. Pole positions: 17.

NIGEL MANSELL (centre): Born: August 8, 1954. Grands prix won: 17. Second places: 12. Pole positions: 15.

JIM CLARK (centre right): Born: March 14, 1936. Grands prix won: 25. Second places: 1. Pole positions: 33.

STIRLING MOSS (right): Born: September 17, 1929. Grands prix won: 16. Second places: 5. Pole positions: 16.

Victory moves the power balance

By NORMAN HOWELL

NIGEL Mansell's exhilarating win at the French grand prix could not have come at a better time for him, his team, and the Silverstone circuit, whose switchboard was jammed with callers who wanted tickets for British grand prix on Sunday.

Mansell's win has also shifted the balance of power, both for the 1991 championship tables, and for the driver's market which last weekend started, albeit unofficially. Before the French race it seemed as if Mansell had blown the greatest chance he had been given to prove to everybody that he was not just a racing driver, but a champion in the same league as Ayrton Senna and Alain Prost.

His failure, for whatever reason, to deliver had led many to believe that his team would not be renewing his contract, and that they would once again woo Senna as they had done last year.

The fact that, despite Mansell's mishaps, the Williams team was doing very well thanks to Riccardo Patrese, not until this year rated among the top drivers, had encouraged Frank Williams, the team owner, to believe that Senna would be tempted to shift his allegiance. Before the race on Sunday, stories concerning monetary inducements were bandied about the paddock, to prove that Senna would be a fool not to resist Williams.

Victory will have given Mansell a much stronger bargaining counter to stay, though it might still not be on his own terms. Frank Williams, said as much recently when he revealed that he was not prepard to renew Mansell's contract as it stood.

Ultimately though, it is what Senna decides that really matters. If he leaves McLaren, he could either go to Ferrari or Williams.

Alain Prost is at Ferrari, and he has another year to run on his contract. Williams are the more likely, as they are the best so far.

YACHTING

Skipper calls on new men

By a CORRESPONDENT

STUART Childerley, the civilian skipper, has quashed a potential RAF mutiny over the crewing of the Admiral's Cup two-tonner, Oracle. Three Childerley recruits join the boat immediately, with four military personnel sacked.

From now on Oracle will sail with a crew of 12 instead of 13. John Boyce, Ed Danby and Kendal Law are the new faces. All have previous Admiral's Cup, Whitbread or America's Cup experience. Boyce will handle the mainsheet, Law upwind headsails and Danby act as crew boss.

It was a remarkable feat for Childerley, aged 25, a Finn sailor, to stamp his authority on two such heavyweights as the Air Force and a multi-million pound software company sponsor. The RAF had been holding out for keeping most of the crew, confident that the sterling poundage of Oracle/MoD contracts gave it adequate leverage.

"They wanted good reasons for changing people," Childerley said, having flown yesterday to a summit at RAF Brampton by the Oracle corporate aircraft. "But the talent I had lined up is world class and they could see that. We've had good sailors on the boat until now but they lack experience. In pressure situations the crew work would fall down and they'd make mistakes."

Both RAF top brass and Oracle management declined to comment after the summit, making it clear that all future press briefings would come from the skipper.

Similarly the existing shore team of Group Captain Peter Seymour and Wing Commander Nick Schulkins, have been sidelined.

Winds could save Smith

NIEUPORT, Belgium — Lawrie Smith's last chance of winning the One Ton Cup almost certainly rests in the hands of others (Barry Pickthall writes). His hopes are pinned on the force 7 winds promised for today's final inshore race.

RESULTS: Short offshore race: 1, Vibes (D Clarke, US); 2, Corum (X Prettjon, Fr); 3, Cleyalos (G Ertaos, Gre); 4, Port Pendennis (L Smith, GB); 5, Ghost (J Wilmot, Aus). Leading positions (after six races): 1, Vibes, 133.125; 2, Brava (F De Angelis), 127.5; 3, Port Pendennis, 124.5; 4, Cleyalos, 114.5; 5, Saudade (A Bull, Ger), 108.75.

At Lord's this week, cricket is poised to be the first sport to readmit South Africa to the international fold

Surrey take up Foster's offer

By SIMON WILDE

THE OVAL (final day of three): Surrey (21pts) bt Essex (7) by five wickets

FOR Graham Gooch, yesterday's bad news was not confined to Trent Bridge. His county, Essex, in one of their two matches in hand over Warwickshire, the Britannic Assurance championship leaders, sustained their first championship reverse since last September.

Surrey were indebted for their victory to a bold declaration from Foster, the acting Essex captain, which left them to make 225 from what transpired to be 59 overs. That said, they took their chance brilliantly to win with one ball to spare, Stewart, who finished 83 not out in three-and-a-quarter hours, smiting two sixes in a thrilling final over by Childs from which seven runs were needed.

The closing overs, bowled in abject light, resembled a Sunday League game, a situation tailor-made for Stewart. He played the spin of Childs and Such uncertainly, but rode his luck well for his highest first-class score of the season. He was missed on 21 and 47, and shared stands of 96 in 22 overs with Ward and 30 in four overs with Greig, who fell to a brilliant boundary catch by Salim Malik off the first ball of the last over.

Foster gambled all on Childs and Such exploiting the pitch's turn. Childs was on in the second over and soon accounted for Alikhan, but it was not until they switched ends after tea that Such, bowling into the rough outside off stump, had the left-handed Bicknell leg-before for a well made 54. When the last 20 overs began, Surrey needed 115, but the more the pressure mounted the better Childs and Such bowled. Only when Salim and Nasser Hussain were adding 58 in ten overs did Essex find things going to plan when they batted. Having begun the day with nine wickets in hand and 61 runs to the good, they needed to score briskly, but a casual approach and tight bowling, particularly from Murphy, who claimed five victims, saw wickets fall.

When Medlycott started bowling full tosses and conceded seven fours in three overs there was some suggestion that he was doing his best to expedite a declaration. However, with Salim standing firm for 59 off 68 balls — to give him a match score of 244 not out — and Seymour batting sensibly with a groin strain and a runner, Foster felt in a position to make a closure seven overs after lunch at 185 for seven.

Foster knew that with bad light and rain threatening he had to keep the opposition interested. In the end, though, Essex were beaten not so much by the gloom as by their inability to hit the sticks.

Britannic Assurance County Championship

	P	W	D	L	Bat	Bwl	Pts
Warwicks (5)	13	6	4	2	35	37	168
Essex (2)	11	4	6	1	37	33	134
Derbyshire (12)	11	4	5	1	24	39	127
Lancashire (6)	10	4	4	2	33	17	114
Glouca (13)	13	4	5	3	19	29	112
Kent (16)	12	3	8	1	27	32	107
Surrey (9)	10	3	5	2	20	25	93
Glamorgan (8)	14	2	8	4	27	33	92
Notts (14)	10	2	7	1	26	30	88
Sussex (17)	12	1	9	2	31	29	78
Worcs (4)	10	2	6	2	22	19	73
Northants (11)	11	1	7	3	28	33	72
Somerset (15)	11	1	8	1	30	24	70
Yorkshire (10)	10	1	7	2	23	15	54
Hampshire (3)	11	0	7	4	26	27	53
Middlesex (1)	11	0	7	4	21	31	52
Leics (7)	12	0	9	3	18	27	45

1990 positions in brackets

S Africa return probable

By ALAN LEE
CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

FOR all the prevarication of the West Indian delegates, this week's meeting of the International Cricket Council (ICC) is virtually certain to take the momentous decision to readmit South Africa to the Test match family from which it was banished 21 years ago.

Officers of the new United Cricket Board of South Africa, an unarguably non-racial administration in a country where the game has been pioneeringly non-racial for some years, will this morning be welcomed into the conference room at Lord's to put their case for rejoining the ICC.

In any previous year, the permission to speak would have been sufficient triumph for South Africa. Now, such has been the dramatic pace of political reform, they will be disappointed by anything less than approval for immediate resumption of international ties.

Voting on the issue is not, strictly, on the agenda, but some time tomorrow a proposer and seconder will emerge from the seven full-member countries and all except the West Indies are confidently expected to vote in favour.

It remains a matter of conjecture whether the West Indies will abstain, leaving the vote technically unanimous, or will insist on opposing the motion, as indicated by Clyde Walcott, president of the West Indies board. Walcott claims that he has no mandate, a situation which is curious but by no means incurable. Even if his board has not seen fit to debate the South African situation to date, it would only take a telephone link-up to resolve the matter. As it is, West Indies could be thought unnecessarily obstructive unless their view softens, for a vote against is a very different matter from an abstention.

My own sympathies with the West Indian line do extend to the view that there should be no unseemly haste to the process. The idea of the World Cup itinerary for next spring being rewritten to accomodate South Africa is largely a marketing ploy and an unworthy basis for such a historic event.

Far better, surely, for the ICC to set down a timetable whereby first-class sides are free to visit South Africa immediately (more than one English county hopes to do so this winter) but their return to international cricket is scheduled, in more considered style, for next autumn. A Test series against India, Pakistan or West Indies would be the most significant way for them to come back, not a hurried insertion into a limited-overs competition.

The other urgent issue which must receive attention in the wake of readmission is the position of the players, mostly now English, who remain suspended from international cricket. There is a groundswell of opinion, now encouraged from within South Africa itself, that these suspensions should be lifted, allowing Gatting, Broad, Emburey and Foster, to name the four most likely to be concerned, to resume their England careers.

This does not, to me, make much sense. Gatting and his 1990 team chose to go to South Africa in full knowledge of what punishment awaited them, something, incidentally, which did not apply to the 1984 team under Graham Gooch. They were, to a man, trading in their Test futures for a considerable amount of money and, while they were perfectly entitled to make the choice, that entitlement surely does not stretch to instant re-eligibility for the team they consciously left behind.

Those who turned down such offers, preferring to take a chance of playing for their country, might justifiably feel embittered if this transpires and, although such feelings are not the direct concern of the ICC, all interests would be more fairly served by a reduction of the bans, perhaps to free everyone by 1993 rather than 1995.

There is, of course, a mountain of other business before the ICC this week, with such important issues as match referees, code of conduct and minimum over-rate due for the rubber-stamp, and the venue for the 1996 World Cup to be discussed. All of this will recede into irrelevance, however, while cricket takes the lead on the most prolonged of sport's political problems.

Centuries by Ward add spark

By IVO TENNANT

MAIDSTONE (final day of three): Kent (8pts) drew with Glamorgan (6)

ASKED to score 269 off a minimum of 61 overs, Glamorgan soon found that they had little or no chance of so doing. The weather was the main reason for this, play being constantly interrupted, but several batsmen did still find ways of losing their wickets. As for Kent, their cricket over the first two days deserved better.

Given anything like a full day's play, Kent should have won with something to spare. The first four Glamorgan batsmen came and went, and Shastri, who has a groin strain, was intending to bat only if either victory or defeat was imminent. The rain spared him.

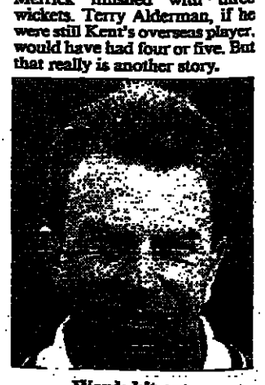
There had been time enough for Ward to complete his second century of the match before Kent declared. Some would have fretted over the weekend and pottered around making the necessary 15 runs. Ward merely hit anything short or over pitched to the boundary.

This century took 142 balls as against 122 balls on Friday. The last Kent batsman to score two centuries in a match for Kent was not Colin Cowdrey or Peter Richardson in the 1960s, but Taylor as recently as last year. One was a double century. If that was less memorable, it was in part because Cowdrey and Richardson were playing the Australians.

At any rate, the Kent captain is proposing Ward as an England batsman. First he will need sterner trials than this on quicker pitches. The faster bowlers had to exert themselves to gain anything here and when it came to Kent's turn, they did not keep to a full enough length. Merrick was particularly intent on banging the ball in short of a length, a somewhat dubious tactic with the umpires always keeping an eye on the light.

Glamorgan had a go initially, or at least Butcher did. The shot which brought about his dismissal, an uppish drive off Penn, was that of a positive cricketer. Unfortunately for him, he picked out the fielder at cover point.

Morris, too, went to a drive off a ball that was not quite there to be attacked. Cottey aimed a hook, also at Merrick, and was taken at the wicket. Maynard also went to an attempted drive. Merrick finished with three wickets. Terry Alderman, if he were still Kent's overseas player, would have had four or five. But that really is another story.



Ward: hit out

Marathon innings by Briers secures draw

NIGEL Briers produced a marathon captain's innings to earn Leicestershire an unlikely draw at Grace Road. Northamptonshire were on the brink of victory when Leicester resumed, following on in their second innings, still 15 runs behind with only five wickets in hands.

Briers, 75 not out overnight, occupied the crease for a total of 6½ hours, hitting 13 fours from 326 balls in a magnificent 133. He shared in a sixth wicket stand of 107 with Ben Smith, aged 19, who went on to make 47, off 115 balls, including five fours.

David Millns (31 not out) and Peter Willey (19 not out) took Leicester safely to 341 for seven, a lead of 149, when stumps were drawn.

Sussex were beaten by the weather as they failed to complete a second championship victory of the season at Derby. Bad light and rain finally put paid to their attempts to bowl out Derbyshire who were 144 for six, chasing 243, when the weather closed in with 8.1 overs remaining.

The outcome might still have favoured Sussex, though, but for their captain, Paul Parker's decision to take off his leg-spinner, Ian Salisbury (three for 17) with 13 overs left, and in light which was decidedly murky, Parker recalled his fast bowlers. The umpires offered the batsman the light which was immediately accepted.

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RESULTS FROM TODAY'S PAPER

Britannic Assurance county championship

Leics v Northants

LEICESTER *(final day of three): Leicestershire (3pts) drew with Northamptonshire (6)*

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE: First innings 300 for 7 dec (A Fordham 116, K M Curran 97; J N Maguire 4 for 57)

LEICESTERSHIRE: First innings 108 (N E Briers 60 not out)
Second Innings
*N E Briers c Capel b Curran 133
T J Boon c Capel b Thomas 5
J J Whitaker b Roberts 74
L Potter c Bailey b Roberts 0
C C Lewis lbw b Baptiste 3
†P A Nixon lbw b Bailey 9
B F Smith c Ripley b Curran 47
P Willey not out 19
D J Millns not out 31
Extras (b 4, lb 10, nb 6) 20
Total (7 wkts) 341*
D J Millns, C Wilkinson and J N Maguire to bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-12, 2-149, 3-150, 4-163, 5-177, 6-284, 7-289.
BOWLING: Baptiste 30-9-66-1; Thomas 24-1-64-1; Taylor 11-1-54-0; Curran 13-4-38-2; Roberts 24-10-42-2; Cook 21-9-33-0; Capel 8-3-21-0; Bailey 4-2-8-1.
Umpires: A A Jones and N T Plews.

Bain Clarkson Trophy

Lewes Priory: Sussex 163-6 (R Hanley 86) v Essex. Match abandoned. Edgbaston: Hampshire 180-5 (R S M Morris 76 not out); Warwickshire 50 (M J Thurstfield 6-24). Hampshire won by 110 runs.

Surrey v Essex

THE OVAL *(final day of three): Surrey (21pts) beat Essex (7) by five wickets*

ESSEX: First Innings 336 for 5 dec (Salim Malik 185 not out, N Hussain 128)
Second Innings
*†M A Garnham b Murphy 6
J P Stephenson c Ward b Murphy 16
T D Topley b Murphy 17
P J Prichard c Thorpe b M P Bicknell 14
Salim Malik not out 59
N Hussain c Sargeant b Murphy 38
*N A Foster b Murphy 0
N Shahid run out 12
A C Seymour not out 10
Extras (lb 9, w 4) 13
Total (7 wkts dec) 185*
P M Such and J H Childs did not bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-11, 2-34, 3-50, 4-87, 5-145, 6-145, 7-160.
BOWLING: M P Bicknell 16-2-53-1; Murphy 19-2-63-5; Medlycott 10-3-40-0; Thorpe 3-0-20-0.
SURREY: First Innings 299 (D M Ward 98; J H Childs 5 for 112)
Second Innings
*D J Bicknell lbw b Such 54
R I Alikhan c Prichard b Childs 8
A J Stewart not out 83
D M Ward lbw b Such 54
G P Thorpe c Childs 2
†I A Greig c Salim b Childs 9
K T Medlycott not out 0
Extras (b 8, lb 12) 20
Total (5 wkts) 230*
†N F Sargeant, M P Bicknell, M A Feltham and A J Murphy did not bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-30, 2-89, 3-185, 4-188, 5-218.
BOWLING: Foster 4-0-17-0; Childs 25.5-7-65-3; Such 24-5-61-2; Salim Malik 1-0-3-0; Topley 4-0-14-0.
Umpires: R Julian and B J Meyer.

Derbys v Sussex

DERBY *(final day of three): Derbyshire (6pts) drew with Sussex (7)*

SUSSEX: First Innings 289 (M P Speight 80; D J Cork 4 for 66)
Second Innings
*N J Lenham c Krikken b Cork 13
D M Smith lbw b Malcolm 16
I D K Salisbury b Goldsmith 34
J W Hall b Cork 8
*P W G Parker c Azharuddin b Cork 20
M P Speight c O'Gorman b Cork 58
C M Wells not out 14
A I C Dodemaide not out 9
Extras (lb 5, w 2, nb 6) 13
Total (6 wkts dec) 183*
†P Moores, A C S Pigott and A N Jones did not bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-30, 2-42, 3-57, 4-88, 5-136, 6-166.
BOWLING: Malcolm 10-3-29-1; Base 15-2-34-0; Barnett 1-0-3-0; Cork 11-2-25-4; Goldsmith 7-0-41-1; Bowler 4-0-48-0.
DERBYSHIRE: First Innings 230 (J E Morris 76; C M Wells 7 for 42)
Second Innings
*K J Barnett c Moores b Jones 3
P D Bowler lbw b Dodemaide 7
J E Morris c Pigott b Jones 14
M Azharuddin c Parker b Salisbury 59
T J G O'Gorman c Moores b Salisbury 19
S C Goldsmith lbw b Salisbury 6
†K M Krikken not out 27
D G Cork not out 6
Extras (lb 1, w 1, nb 1) 3
Total (6 wkts) 144*
A E Warner, S J Base and D E Malcolm did not bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-6, 2-20, 3-28, 4-66, 5-98, 6-116.
BOWLING: Jones 8-1-36-2; Dodemaide 6-0-21-1; Pigott 7.5-0-36-0; C M Wells 8-2-33-0; Salisbury 6-1-17-3.
Umpires: J W Holder and B Leadbeater.

Kent v Glamorgan

MAIDSTONE *(final day of three): Kent (8pts) drew with Glamorgan (6)*

KENT: First Innings 334 (T R Ward 110, N R Taylor 77, G R Cowdrey 55 not out)
Second Innings
*T R Ward c Metson b Frost 109
S G Hinks not out 55
N R Taylor not out 1
Extras (lb 5, w 1, nb 4) 10
Total (1 wkt dec) 175*
†M R Benson, M V Fleming, G R Cowdrey, I S A Marsh, M J McCague, C Penn, A P Igglesden and T A Merrick did not bat.
BOWLING: Watkin 19-1-83-0; Frost 7-3-9-1; Bastien 6-1-27-0; Croft 12-3-28-0; Shastri 4-2-2-0.
GLAMORGAN: First Innings 241 (C P Metson 84, M P Maynard 59)
Second Innings
*†A R Butcher c Hinks b Penn 13
H Morris c Marsh b Merrick 11
P A Cottey c Marsh b Merrick 16
M P Maynard c Fleming b Merrick 16
A Dale not out 23
R D B Croft not out 15
Extras (w 2, nb 7) 9
Total (4 wkts) 103*
R J Shastri, †C P Metson, S L Watkin, S Bastien and M Frost to bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-16, 2-32, 3-42, 4-72.
BOWLING: Igglesden 5-0-23-0; Merrick 12-3-35-3; Penn 11-0-45-1; McCague 1.2-0-5-0.
Umpires: G I Burgess and K E Palmer.

No play yesterday

SOUTHAMPTON: Hampshire 417 for 7 dec (K D James 134 not out, C L Smith 112; P J Hartley 4 for 82) and 8 for no wkt; Yorkshire 288 for 8 dec (M D Moxon 68, S A Kellett 58 not out. BOWLING: Hartley 3-1-8-0; Fletcher 2-1-5-0). Match drawn. Hampshire 7pts, Yorkshire 4.

LEADING FIRST-CLASS AVERAGES

Batting
Qualification: 6 completed innings, avge 55.61

	M	I	NO	Runs	HS	Avge	100	50
Salim Malik	12	19	4	1224	215	81.60	4	3
M W Gatting	11	18	0	884	180	73.66	3	3
D W Randall	10	16	7	663	112*	73.66	2	2
T M Moody	11	17	3	992	181*	70.71	4	4
S J Cook	11	18	3	1030	162*	68.66	4	4
C L Smith	12	20	1	1275	200	67.10	5	6
N H Fairbrother	10	15	4	696	121	63.27	5	—
R A Smith	7	12	2	621	148*	62.10	1	5
G A Gooch	8	11	2	557	154*	61.88	3	—
B C Broad	10	19	2	1050	168	61.76	3	5
K D James	13	18	7	664	134*	61.55	1	2
M P Maynard	13	20	4	984	204	61.50	3	4
R T Robinson	10	17	5	719	101	59.91	1	5
D A Reeve	10	15	5	589	99*	58.90	—	7
M A Garnham	12	14	5	525	102*	58.33	1	4
H Morris	14	24	4	1165	156*	58.25	3	5
G J Turner	8	8	2	349	101*	58.16	1	2
A P Wells	11	17	2	854	159*	56.93	4	2
M Azharuddin	12	21	3	1018	154	56.55	3	6
D M Ward	11	17	4	723	98	55.91	—	7

Not including Test match
☐ Compiled by Richard Lockwood

Bowling
Qualification: 20 wickets, avge 26.67

	O	M	R	W	Avge	BB	5i	10m
A A Donald	272.2	58	785	45	15.53	5-33	6	2
Waqar Younis	227.4	40	697	40	17.42	6-65	5	2
O H Mortensen	261.5	66	628	35	17.88	5-57	1	—
D V Lawrence	204.1	40	596	33	18.12	6-67	3	1
P Carrick	179.5	62	388	21	18.47	5-13	1	—
D R Pringle	244.1	68	553	28	19.75	5-70	2	—
K M Curran	165	52	436	22	19.81	4-39	—	—
D G Cork	166.4	23	499	24	20.79	4-25	—	—
C C Lewis	291	59	575	27	21.29	5-35	2	—
N A Foster	405.4	105	1109	51	21.72	5-45	3	—
C Penn	193.5	34	642	29*	22.82	5-43	1	—
Wasim Akram	297.4	77	783	33	23.72	6-95	3	—
P A J DeFreitas	273	65	778	32	24.31	6-69	1	—
P J Hartley	217.4	58	637	26	24.50	5-82	1	—
F D Stephenson	303.2	83	788	32	24.62	5-74	1	—
T D Topley	277.1	68	895	34	26.32	5-68	2	—
R M Ellison	236	58	712	27	26.37	7-33	2	—
T A Munton	368.3	99	1030	39	26.41	6-69	3	1
A E Warner	217.3	46	560	21	26.66	4-42	—	—
S L Watkin	438.2	86	1307	48	26.67	6-55	3	—

Source: TCCB/Bull

FIXTURES

Third Cornhill Test match
11.0
TRENT BRIDGE: England v West Indies.

Refuge Assurance League
2.0, 40 overs
WORCESTER: Worcestershire v Derbyshire.

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ATHLETICS

Backley fit to return at Crystal Palace

By DAVID POWELL, ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT

STEVE Backley has recovered from injury and, provided he completes to his satisfaction a test run tonight, will return to competition in the Parcelforce Games at Crystal Palace on Friday. Some of the most celebrated figures in world athletics will be there, but Backley can expect a warmer welcome than any.

It was in this meeting last year that he achieved the distinction of deflecting a British crowd's attention from the 1,500 metres and to the javelin. His world record 90.98 metres meant Neil Horsfield's win, in a fast, close finish went largely unnoticed.

For three reasons, Backley will be hard-pushed to repeat the process. First, the world record is seven metres longer; second, it may take a competition or two before he is convinced his injury has gone and he can throw uninhibited; and third, the 1,500 metres has a line-up worthy of not a moment's inattention because it includes Peter Elliott, fresh from his Dream Mile victory, Jens-Peter Herold, Simon Doyle and David Kibet.

Backley, the European and Commonwealth champion, said yesterday that he was "99 per cent back to full fitness" after tearing an adductor two and a half weeks ago. A world record does not hold the same incentive as it did last season. The design war has seen Seppo Raty, of Finland, take the record to 96.96 metres with a Sandvik javelin which exploits loopholes in international laws. Backley is using it not because he wants to but because he dare not ignore it.

He is growing impatient with the International Amateur Athletic Federation. "There should be one javelin which should hold true for a number of years," he said. "Records have been devalued. I am not interested in them any more. I am interested mainly in winning."

He is up against Jan Zelezny, the Czechoslovak whose record it was that Backley took last year. This season Zelezny has thrown 90.40m.

If Elliott can beat Kibet, he will have defeated in the space of a month all his main challengers for the world title — except Noureddine Morceli, Algeria.

The 5,000 metres is a a cameo Britain v Kenya: Eamonn Martin, Rob Denmark and Ian Hamer against Richard Chelimo, Thomas Osano and Simon Karori. Leroy Burrell, Dennis Mitchell, Katrin Krabbe and Merlene Ottey provide a wealth of sprinting talent. Carl Lewis is said to have a hamstring injury.



Signed up: From the left, Adams, of Arsenal, Samways, of Tottenham and Bruce, of Manchester United. Their clubs will be exclusively featured by ITV Sport when they play in Europe next season. The deals could earn the three clubs well in excess of £1 million apiece, depending on how far they progress

Elliott transferred to Chelsea

By DENNIS SIGNY

PAUL Elliott, the Celtic defender who captained the England B side against Switzerland at Walsall in May, signed a four-year contract with Chelsea yesterday in a deal of £1.4 million.

Elliott, aged 27, is the first signing of Ian Porterfield, Chelsea's new manager. Porterfield said: "Paul will be a big influence in the dressing room. He has leadership qualities, a big heart and he is a great athlete."

Elliott, a Londoner, hopes to further his international career by the transfer. He moved from Charlton Athletic to Luton Town and then Aston Villa before playing in Italian football with Pisa. He joined Celtic two years ago for £650,000.

☐ THE return to a 22-club first division is already having its effect on the big clubs (Peter Ball writes). Aston Villa have had to turn down a £100,000 match with Naples in the first week of the season because of a fixtures pile-up. Villa had considered postponing their first home match, against Manchester United, so that they could accept Naples's invitation, which guaranteed them £100,000.

United, however, have reluctantly refused to go along with the plan, in spite of receiving a similar proposition from Real Madrid.

☐ Barry Horne, Southampton's Welsh international midfield player, will miss the start of the new season after specialists discovered a hernia. Horne, aged 27, will enter hospital for an operation and could be out of action for a month.

Southampton, meanwhile, have been thwarted in their attempt to move to a 25,000 purpose-built stadium on the outskirts at Eastleigh. Hampshire County Council is recommending turning down the planning application.

☐ The former Liverpool midfield player, Kevin Macdonald, has agreed to terminate his contract with Coventry City. The Scotsman, who joined Coventry on a free transfer from Anfield in July 1989, had one year left on his contract.

☐ Graeme Sharp is considering a £500,000 move to Oldham Athletic. If the Everton forward agrees to the deal, he will be back on Merseyside on the opening day of the season when Oldham play Liverpool at Anfield.

☐ Leeds United have put their much travelled forward, Imre Varadi, the central defender, John McClelland, and their reserve, Simon Grayson, on the transfer list.

GOLF

Frenchman asked by official to make beau geste

By PATRICIA DAVIES

AH, THE magic of the Open. It is every golfer's dream to play in the championship and yesterday nearly 1,200 hopefuls, at nine courses, put themselves through the rigours of the regional qualifying competitions.

Some were better equipped for the task than others. At Beau Desert, in Staffordshire, Martin Goldberg, from France, was asked to retire, in the interests of his two playing partners, when he was ten over par after six holes.

It was not, Goldberg said, an irredeemable situation. "I'm just having a bad day," he said, having explained that, for an Aries like himself, everything was not aligned as it should be. Things would be better after the eclipse on Thursday. "Let me go to the turn," he said.

Michael Reece, of the Royal and Ancient, the person in charge and a man experienced in these situations, having had two encounters with the legendary Maurice Flitcroft and one with Bo Britt, men adept at entering the Open but not scoring, was quietly insistent and Goldberg withdrew.

Goldberg arrived at Beau on Saturday, having, he said, driven from Switzerland, where he gave up attempting to qualify for the Ebel European Masters after one round because the views were too stunning and so was the competition, and then his car exploded on the way down the mountain.

Goldberg, who says he is a qualified pharmacist, took up the game when he was nine, about 30 years ago, under Hedley Muscroft at Roundhay and later joined Moor Allerton.

He gave up playing when he went to college but started again three years ago and turned professional about a year ago, when, he said, he had a handicap of three in France, playing in the Toulouse-Carcassonne area.

Armed with eight clubs (a metal driver, irons 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, wedge and putter) and wearing a market trader's round-necked sweater, Goldberg did not quite look the part on the first tee. Against all expectation and speculation, he started with a par four.

"You're looking at a potential champion," he said, just before his withdrawal, but it was not his day. That's the Open for you.

Early start helps Evans to prosper

By JOHN HENNESSY

GARY Evans, festooned with amateur golf accolades this year, produced a round of 72, one over par, at Hankley Common and handsomely survived the Open championship regional qualifying competition.

He finished only one stroke behind the leaders, one of whom, Craig Cowper, is an amateur of much less eminence. Whereas Evans is about to take his place against the Americans in the Walker Cup, Cowper has so far not progressed beyond the Surrey team. The weather was never less than dank and murky and both Evans and Cowper were marginally luckier than most in teeing off early.

Evans underclubbed at the 18th and dropped an 8-iron into Hankley Common's version of the valley of sin, and was unable to pitch close enough to save par.

Cowper, at 21 a year the junior of Evans, owed his distinguished position to a strong finish. Three over par with four holes to play, he reduced the vulnerable 15th (315 yards) to a three, with a sand wedge to eight feet and topped that with an eagle two at the 17th (366 yards) where his sand iron left him no putt at all.

Wayne Stephens, who cut such an unexpected dash in the Troon Open of 1989 — for 45 holes — stands alongside Evans, together with, among others, Paul Young, a former Hampshire Colt, who is trying his luck as a professional in the United States.

YESTERDAY'S QUALIFIERS

BEAU DESERT: 70: S Raybound (Scarborough South Cliff), J Harrison (Barnard Castle). 71: *S Twynholm (Morpeth), I Higby (Wirral), G Logan (Garmony), P Cowen (Lindrick). 72: *S Hughes (Chilwell), P Allan (Ashton in Makerfield), M Peel (Bury), S Townend (Sand Moor), A Mitchell (Wirral), T Bennett (Newark), *S Shaw (Bromborough), J Fergusson (Dumfries and Galloway). 73: J Metcalfe (Newcastle Breweries), P Barber (Didsbury), J Oates (Lindrick), G Walker (Chesterfield), P Chapman (Windermere).

BLACKWELL: 67: S Russell (Wergs). 68: S Bebb (Mountain Lakes), 69: *D Probert (Oswestry). 70: *N Connolly (Copt Heath), *J Bickerton (Droitwich). 71: S Edwards (Kings Norton), C Goldstraw (Bramhall), *C Watts (Hawtestone Park), K Craggs (Bel). 72: N Turley (Kidderminster), J Wither (St Pierre), *M McGuire (Drayton Park), R Price (Leominster), R Lane (Moor Allerton), R O'Hanlon (Brocton Hall), L Bashford (Dudley), D Ingram (Shirley), F Clark (Hagley). 73: P Roberts (Grange Park), J Lower (Burton), S Dodd (St Mary's), J Peters (Southernedown), S Power (Enville), M Bearcroft (St Pierre), I Harrison (Ross), *G Bradley (Bramhall).

HANKLEY COMMON: 71: *C Cowper (Surbiton), J Waring (Meyrick Park), K MacDonald (Goodwood). 72: *G Evans (Worthing), J Rodger (Chessington), P Young (US), *D Hickman (Wentworth), W Stephens (unattached), M Stancer (unattached), C DeFoy (Coombe Hill). 73: D Owen (Weymouth), *J Wilshire (Hindhead), *R Searle (High Post), J Hoskison (West Surrey), N Bentkamp (Parkstone), *M Dove (Broadway). 74: *P Sefton (Camberley Heath), G Priddis (Bramley), P Bryden (Portsmouth Golf Centre), L Thompson (Staddon Heights), D Regan (West Byfleet), G Orr (Bumhill), G Emerson (Salisbury and South Wilts).

LANGLEY PARK: 68: S Spittles. 70: M Kojine (Japan). 71: K Lawson, T Spence, M Palmer. 72: J Vinos. S Pokas. *W Bennett (Ruislip), N Willis, H Rowe, S Berr, M Lawrence. 73: D Webb, C Clark, *S Green, D Wilson, A Good, S Wood, G Ritchie, K Wickham. 74: Robinson, N Yoshida (Japan), M Parker, M Jarvis, C van Waesberghe (Neth), G Brett, J Steenkamer (Bel), C Hearn (Aus), C Jenkins.

ORMSKIRK: 68: M Stubbs (unattached), J Twisell (Clitheroe), G Key (Seascale). 69: *J Wace (Aus), *R Walker (Wasmide). 70: D Clarke (Harrogate). 71: *P Williams (Hillside), N Brazil (Shardley Park), *D Johnson (St Anne's Old Links), E Wilson (unattached), S McCarthy (Poulton Park), G Norcott (Northenden). 72: R Gilling (Mortram Hall), P Wesselingh (Chorley), D Patterson (Castle Eden and Peterlee), C Hamilton (St Anne's Old Links), *I Hill (Blackpool North Shore). 73: S McCreal (Dunscar), *R Allenby (Aus), J Fort (Nelson), D Naughton (St Anne's Old Links), M Slater (Walton Hall), S Bance (Fishwick Hall), P Naylor (Knott End), S Fletcher (Fairhaven), *M Murray (Haysham), N Hamilton (Shrigley Hall), D Scholes (Stand), D Race (Gosforth).

ORSETT: 69: K Golding (Stowmarket). 70: S Hurley (Filton). 71: J Coe (Welwyn Garden City), N Burch (Burch Golf), R Green (Whitehall), N Whichelow (Hereford Place). 72: P Briggs (Barrowden Park). 73: P Barnham (Warley Park), P Magenias (Bushey Hall), L Jones (The Manor of Groves), G McCarthy (Thorpe Hall), B Mitchell (Knebworth). 74: N Hanson (Chigwell), *H Roblin (Warren), T Sheafle (Bush Hill Park), *G Clark (Rochford Hundred), J Bevan (Earls Colne), J Robson (Crook), *R Latham (Potters Park).

SHERWOOD FOREST: 68: *J Payne (Sandiacre). 69: P P Hinton (Radcliffe on Trent). 70: D Curry (Cookson Group). 71: R Ellis (Ruddington Grange), *C Banks (Stanton-on-the-Wolds), G Brown (Denton). 72: G Stafford (Gainsborough), J Wood (Newark), A Higginbottom (Hallamshire), I Bailey (Longcliffe), *M Haddock (Wheatley), S McNally (Otley). 73: L Turner (Cromford Driving Range), *M Betteridge (Coxmoor), D Lockett (Hudderafield), D Padgett (Weatherby), *N Williamson (Hunstanton), R Muscroft (West Bowling). 74: *C O'Carroll (Brinnal), P Davis (Sefton Waldren), M Ure (Ellingham), M Allison (Ellan), D Stokes (Chesterfield), *L White (Wollaton Park), G Tickell (Hallamshire), M Gallagher (Farthingstone Hotel). M Lawrence (Charnwood Forest).

SOUTH HERTS: 70: J Lindstrom (Swe), P Simpson (Burford) 71: G Ryall (Clevedon), P Golding (South Herts), C Sunesson (Ladbrook Park), G Bagnall (Hill Valley), P George (Beaconsfield). 72: C Bertin (Woburn), A Dunbar (Olton), B Porter (Windmill Hill), S Meade (Moor Park), T Ashton (Huntercombe). 73: T Hanson (Cardiff), N Job (Richmond), K Spurgeon (Lansdown). 74: M Tunnicliff (Spain), J Dunn (Badgemore Park), S Hutchinson (Warwick), P Talbot (Royal Mid Surrey), I Campbell (Wimbledon Park), *S Arnor (Marlborough), *R Johnson (Cardiff), M Dack (Lyme Regis).

* denotes amateur

OLYMPIC GAMES

Full return to IOC fold on cards for S Africa

LAUSANNE — In a critical week in the social-political history of South Africa, the International Olympic Committee today has to decide whether to turn a blind eye to remaining political ridiculism in South Africa: not only to lead the multi-racial horse to water, but oblige it to drink at this year's athletics world championships or, preferably, the African Games in Cairo, and next year's Olympic Games in Barcelona.

With black African approval, in the persons of Judge Keba M'baye, of Senegal, and Jean-Claude Ganga, of the Congo, both of the IOC, Lamine Diack, of Senegal, from the International Amateur Athletic Federation and leaders of ANC, the IOC may tell political black South Africa what it considers is in South Africa's best interest: full international sports integration, to accelerate social change.

I shall be glad if the IOC delegation, which visited South Africa three months ago under M'Baye's chairmanship, does make permanent the conditional re-admission granted for ten months, because for ten years I have advocated that greater social advantage would stem from such a move rather than political loss.

A member of the delegation from the Interim National Olympic Committee of South Africa (Inocsa), which arrived in Lausanne yesterday, said: "If political activists are allowed to have their way, demanding non-racial parity at all levels, educational, housing, sporting facilities, one-man-one-vote, then sports may have to wait another 50 years before being allowed to return internationally. Now that the apartheid laws have gone, South Africa is in the same category as much of the rest of Africa. We should be evaluated against that background, within the African framework."

The obstruction to South Africa's permanent Olympic re-establishment is the withdrawal by the South African Council On Sport (Sacos) from today's visiting delegation. Although Sacos has not yet pulled out of Inocsa, it favours the retention of trade sanctions and maintenance of the international sports moratorium.

The Inocsa delegation is led by the controversial Sam Ramsamy, the former boycott advocate; Mluleki George, initiator of black moderation; and two white administrators, Dr Willie Basson of Cosas, the collective governing body equivalent of Britain's CCPR, and Issy Kramer, vice president of the old, suspended National Olympic Committee.

The IOC, guided by M'baye, has to determine whether political protest can be ignored, and if, under the terms specified in the granting of conditional re-admission, a unified NOC could now work: whether national federations will establish integrated single-body administrations, whether they will regain international affiliation (of which athletics is on the verge), and whether existing predominantly white facilities will become properly enfranchised.

Kevan Gosper, an IOC vice president and a white member of the delegation that went to South Africa, said: "What tomorrow's meeting must establish is how far Inocsa has moved, and stayed together, and what is the state of play on unification of national federations. The meeting falls ahead of this month's invitations to Barcelona, but although the IOC wants to maintain its initiative, we are not conditioned by the date of Barcelona."

☐ South Africa today officially requested re-admittance to the International Amateur Athletics Federation and asked for speedy acceptance so they could compete at the September world track and field championships.

CYCLING

De Wilde escapes at Dijon but no change in Tour

DIJON (Agencies) — The Belgian rider, Etienne de Wilde, took advantage of a day of calm in the Tour de France yesterday to win the 210-kilometre third stage by taking a long late sprint and just holding off the bunch.

After the upheavals of Sunday's opening two stages in which the defending champion, Greg LeMond, and the Dutchman, Eric Breukink, stole a march on their surprised rivals, yesterday's leg over flat terrain produced a mass finish.

De Wilde, leading the Belgian Histor team, went to the front just as the huge field had caught Gianni Bugno, the Italian, who had himself launched an ambitions attack as the race entered Dijon. Ahead of Bugno were the world champion, Rudy Dhaenens, and the Dutchman, Rob Harmeling, engaged in a long break which was gradually being whittled down.

They both crashed coming into the final straight and de Wilde held on as the bunch closed on to his back wheel to gain victory from the Dutch sprint specialist, Jean-Paul van Poppel, and the former East German world track champion, Olaf Ludwig.

The overnight leader, Rolf Sörensen, of Denmark, retained the leader's yellow jersey with a 10-second advantage over LeMond, who leads Breukink by just two seconds. It was de Wilde's second stage win and it came two years to the day after his victory in another flat stage at Bordeaux in the 1989 race.

For the first 150km, the peloton treated the stage as a gentle excursion, riding at a slow pace with few attempted breakaways. "Everything went off so fast at Lyon," Laurent Fignon, the Frenchman who has twice previously win this race, said of the weekend's exertions. "We needed to catch our breath."

Sörensen was not unhappy with the way it turned out. "It was a quiet day so I had no problem keeping my yellow jersey," he said. "I hope to keep it at least until the next time trial on Saturday. I'm leading the world's greatest race and that's something special, something unique."

Lawrence Roche, the brother of the 1987 Tour winner, Stephen Roche, who was disqualified on Sunday for finishing out of the time limit in the team time trial, made one abortive effort to break clear as did the Dane, Brian Holm.

Both attempts were soon reined in by the main bunch before a serious break by the Belgian, Sammy Morecels, Pello Ruiz-Cabestany, of Spain and Jesper Skibby, of Denmark, finally succeeded. They stayed in front for 20km but were caught 15km from the end.

Dhaenens, waring his world champion's jersey, was next to go and was joined by Harmeling, the two making good progress before the field woke up to the challenge. Bugno tried to cross the gap but was absorbed and immediately de Wilde escaped and profited from the Dhaenens crash.

TOUR DE FRANCE DETAILS

Third stage (Villeurbanne to Dijon, 210km): 1, E De Wilde (Belg, Histor), 5hr 15min 11sec; 2, J-P Van Poppel (Neth, PDM); 3, O Ludwig (Ger, Panasonic); 4, D Abdoujaparov (Sov, Carrera); 5, J Museeuw (Belg, Lotto); 6, L Jelabert (Fr, Toshiba); 7, U Raab (Ger, PDM); 8, S Kelly (Ire, PDM); 9, P Anderson (Aus, Motorola); 10, J Shur (Ger, Gatorade); 11, C Bomans (Belg, Weinmann); 12, E Vandaeaerden (Belg, Buckler); 13, M Fondriest (It, Panasonic); 14, S Bauer (Can, Motorola); 15, M Dominguez (Sp, Clas); 16, R Stumpf (Ger, Histor); 17, S Yates (GB, Motorola); 18, E Schurer (Neth, TVM); 19, A Bishop (US, Motorola); 20, C Chaubet (Fr, Toshiba), all same time. Other placings: 60, R Millar (GB, Z); 73, M Earley (Ire, PDM); 175, L Roche (Ire, Tonton Tapis), all same time as winner. Overall standings (after three stages): 1, R Sorensen (Den, Ariostea), 6hr 32min 07sec; 2, G LeMond (US, Z), at 10sec; 3, E Breukink (Neth, PDM), 12; 4, Kelly, 22; 5, R Dhaenens (Belg, Panasonic), 33; 6, B Comillet (Fr, Z), 50; 7, Abdoujaparov, 47; 8, R Alcala (Mex, PDM), 1min 02sec; 9, M Vermote (Belg, RMO), 1:12; 10, R Jaermann (Swi'z, Weinmann), 1:18; 11, T Marie (Fr, Castorama), 1:24; 12, R Gotz (Ger, Ariostea), 1:27; 13, L Labiane (Fr, Castorama), 1:28; 14, F Vichot (Fr, Castorama), same time; 15, M Lieti (It, Ariostea), 1:29; 16, M Lelli (It, Ariostea), same time; 17, P Simon (Fr, Castorama), 1:41; 18, G Delion (Fr, Helvetia), 1:41; 19, J-C Bagot (Fr, Castorama), 1:42; 20, L Fignon (Fr, Castorama), 1:46. Other standings: 56, Yates, 2:32; 61, Miller, 2:35; 80, Earley, 2:50; 175, L Roche, 11:23.

FIXTURES

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TENNIS: Bristol Challenger Trophy (Bristol).

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IN BRIEF

Rothmans withdraws

ROTHMANS yesterday decided to pull out of yacht racing. The decision by the group's board meeting over the weekend confirms an earlier decision to curtail a proposed £10 million sponsorship for a new maxi for Lawrie Smith to campaign in the 1993-94 Whitbred Round the World Race.

The decision reinforces speculation within the group that Rothmans may now put its money into Formula One racing.

ATHLETICS: Sergei Bubka increased his world pole vault record to 6.09 meters during a meeting at Formia, near Rome, yesterday. The Soviet athlete improved by one centimeter his outdoor mark set in Moscow on June 9.

OLYMPIC GAMES: Milan has applied to host the Olympic Games in the year 2000. The city's deputy mayor, Franco Ascani, announced yesterday that the city's bid has been sent to the National Olympic Committee to be transmitted to the IOC.

GOLF: Helen Alfredsson, will defend her Weetabix British women's open title at Woburn on August 1 to 4. The Swede is one of seven members of last year's European Solheim Cup side who will be playing.

TABLE TENNIS: Chen Xinhua and Carl Prean will represent England in the next Olympics. The players gained automatic qualification for the 1992 Games in Barcelona because of their high positions in the world rankings, released yesterday.

RUGBY UNION

Touring teams must capitalise quickly

From DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT, MELBOURNE

ALTHOUGH both England and Wales left the scene of their weekend tour fixtures beaten, both were inclined to take heart from the encounters with, respectively, New South Wales and Queensland. If such a mood is to be justified, however, they must capitalise immediately on the upsurge of confidence.

Wales, in Canberra, face the sterner task when they play Australian Capital Territory at Manuka Oval tomorrow; England field the 15 players omitted at the weekend against a Victorian President's XV on the same evening at Olympic Park. John Olver, the new captain of Northampton, will lead as he did against a Cordoba Selection in Argentina last summer.

Ieuan Evans and Gibbs play their third successive game for the Welsh against ACT. Jenkins, the Pontypridd stand-off half played throughout the five nations' championship but has seen Adrian Davies improving steadily in his two tour games. Jenkins will have Robert Jones nursing him at scrum half, and Jones also leads the team hoping to break his duck — he has yet to lead a Welsh XV to victory.

In their only previous meeting ACT shocked the 1978 Welsh tour team, winning 21-20, beat London 30-4 in May. They field the side beaten 18-16 last week by a New South Wales President's XV.

If Wales were encouraged after scoring four tries in a second-half rally against Queensland — who have restored Martin at full back and Crowley (prop), both internationals, for the match with England on Sunday — England were slightly more reflective. They believe they could have beaten New South Wales (who have named the XV which won 21-19 to play against Wales on Sunday). They feel they have the measure of the potential Australian front row.

However they winced when they watched on television the caning that Brian Kinsey, the New South Wales referee, gave Wales in the matter of penalties on Sunday; Kinsey will handle England's game against Fiji on July 20.

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY: A Apa; C Newman, A Fulivai, B Girvan, A Goodwin; P Comish (captain), T Lowden; L Donnellan, J Taylor, G Dicker, J Ross, C Sweeney, M McInnes, D Carline, P Stejskal.

WALES XV: A Clement (Swansea); I Evans (Llanelli), S Gibbs (Neath), S Lewis (Pontypridd), I Jones (Llanelli); N Jenkins (Pontypridd), R Jones (Swansea, captain); M Davis (Newport), K Waters (Newbridge), P Knight (Pontypridd), E Lewis (Llanelli), Glyn Llewellyn (Neath), P Arnold (Swansea), R Collins (Cardiff), S Legge (Glamorgan Wanderers).

Referee: P Thomas (New South Wales).

ENGLAND XV (v Victoria President's XV, tomorrow): S Hodgkinson (Nottingham); I Hunter (Northampton), S Halliday (Harlequins), D Hopley (Wasps), C Oti (Wasps); D Pears (Harlequins), D Morris (Orrell); P Rendall (Wasps), J Olver (Northampton, captain), G Pearce (Northampton), M Skinner (Harlequins), N Redman (Bath), M Bayfield (Northampton), G Rees (Nottingham), D Richards (Leicester). Replacements: N Heslop (Orrell), J Guscott (Bath), R Hill (Bath), J Leonard (Harlequins), S Moore (Harlequins), J Hall (Bath).

FOR THE RECORD

BASEBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE: New York Mets 8, Philadelphia Phillies 2; Pittsburgh Pirates 8, Montreal Expos 1; Houston Astros 7, Cincinnati Reds 3; Los Angeles Dodgers 6, Atlanta Braves 3; San Francisco Giants 3, San Diego Padres 0; St Louis Cardinals 6, Chicago Cubs 7.

East division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Pittsburgh Pirates	46	31	.613	—
New York Mets	46	34	.575	2½
St Louis Cardinals	44	37	.543	5
Chicago Cubs	39	44	.483	11½
Montreal Expos	38	47	.427	14½
Philadelphia Phillies	33	49	.402	16½

West division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles Dodgers	49	31	.613	—
Cincinnati Reds	44	36	.550	5
Atlanta Braves	39	40	.494	9½
San Diego Padres	40	43	.482	10½
San Francisco Giants	36	46	.432	14½
Houston Astros	34	47	.420	15½

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Detroit Tigers 7, Boston Red Sox 6; Baltimore Orioles 5, New York Yankees 3; Milwaukee Brewers 10, Cleveland Indians 6; Chicago White Sox 4, Minnesota Twins 3; Kansas City Royals 7, Oakland A's 5; Toronto Blue Jays 5, Seattle Mariners 2; Texas Rangers 7, California Angels 0.

East division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto Blue Jays	49	34	.590	—
Boston Red Sox	42	38	.525	5½
Detroit Tigers	41	40	.506	7
New York Yankees	38	40	.487	8½
Milwaukee Brewers	38	44	.463	11½
Baltimore Orioles	33	47	.413	14½
Cleveland Indians	35	53	.329	21

West division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Texas Rangers	44	33	.571	—
Minnesota Twins	47	35	.568	—
California Angels	44	37	.543	2
Chicago White Sox	43	37	.538	2½
Oakland A's	44	38	.537	2½
Seattle Mariners	40	42	.488	6½
Kansas City Royals	36	44	.450	9½

COCA-COLA LEAGUE: Glasgow Lions 27, Birmingham Bulls 41, Leeds Cougars 2, Nottingham Hoods 88; Manchester Spartans 32, Blackpool Falcons 12; Northants Storm 58, Brighton Bears 27; Solent Warriors 0, Thames Valley Chargers 66.

FOOTBALL

SOUTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP: Preliminary round match: Group B: Colombia 1, Ecuador 0 (in Valparaiso).

CONCACAF GOLD CUP: Final: United States 0, Honduras 0 (United States won 4-3 on pens). Play-off for third place: Mexico 2, Costa Rica 0.

OLYMPIC QUALIFYING MATCH: East Asia group F: Taiwan 3, Indonesia 1.

GOLF

LEUMONT, Illinois: Western open tournament: Leading final scores (US unless stated): 276: R Cochran, 66, 72, 69, 69. 277: G Norman (Aus), 66, 66, 71, 74. 278: F Couples, 70, 69, 69, 72. 281: B Gilder, 70, 71, 70, 70. 282: D Webbing, 71, 72, 73, 66; J Huston, 72, 70, 71, 69; N Price (Zim), 71, 71, 70, 70; K Knox, 73, 69, 70, 70; D Barr, 70, 74, 68, 70; G Hallberg, 67, 71, 70, 74.

MARBELLA, Chile: Kroger Senior Classic: Leading final scores: 203: A Gelberger, 66, 69, 68, 204: L Lacenti, 67, 70, 67. 205: M Barber, 71, 67, 67; H Henning, 68, 69, 68; D Douglass, 68, 67, 72. 206: B Charles, 68, 67, 71. 207: G Gilbert, 69, 73, 65; L Treviso, 68, 71, 68; M Hill, 70, 70, 67, T Dill, 68, 71, 70; J Maddux, 71, 68, 70.

SYLVANIA, Ohio: Toledo Classic women's tournament: Leading final scores (US unless stated): 205: A Miller, 69, 68, 70 (won on third hole of play-off); D Richard, 67, 70, 68. 206: L Connelly, 71, 68, 71. 209: L Rinker, 71, 71, 67. 210: C Johnson, 74, 70, 66; K Cockrell, 71, 68, 71; S Quinlan, 68, 71, 71; D Eggelling, 70, 68, 72. 211: K Peterson, 72, 72, 67; L Adams, 72, 70, 69; J Dickinson, 72, 69, 71; N Rubin, 69, 72, 71; C Hill, 69, 70, 72. British scores: 214: C Pierce, 71, 72, 71. 224: L Davies, 76, 73, 81.

SONY WORLD RANKINGS: 1, I Woosnam (GB), 20.01pts; 2, J M Olazabal (Sp), 17.86; 3, N Faldo (GB), 16.39; 4, G Norman (Aus), 14.56; 5, P Stewart (US), 12.14; 6, S Ballesteros (Sp), 12.03; 7, P Azinger (US), 10.59; 8, F Couples (US), 9.86; 9, B Langer (Ger), 9.52; 10, M McNulty (Zim), 8.82.

HANG GLIDING

KOSSEN, Austria: Women's world championships: Fourth day: 1, B Landranchi (Switz), 180pts; equal 2, B Svens (Austria), J Gandarton (Austria) and F Dieuraide (Fr), 167. Overall positions: Individual: 1, A Muller (Switz), 2,011; 2, J Leden (GB), 1,951; 3, Landranchi, 1,730. Teams: 1, Switzerland, 1,204; 2, Australia, 1,022; 3, France 1,015; 4, Great Britain 965.

MEDITERRANEAN GAMES

In Athens

ATHLETICS: Men: 100m: E Madonia (It), 10.27sec. 400m: O Nelest (Fr), 45.41. 800m: R Abdenour (Alg), 1min 47.82sec. 400m hurdles: B Caristen (Fr), 49.27sec. Pole vault: P D'Encausse (Fr), 5.60m. Hammer: R Pejlas (Fr), 75.10. Women: 400m: J Merino (Sp), 51.88sec. 100m hurdles: A Piquereau (Fr), 12.86.

CANOEING: Men: 500m kayak singles: A Rossi (It), 1min 44.40sec. 500m kayak pairs: J Roman and J Sanchez (Sp), 1:35.10. 500m Canadian singles: N Suarez (Sp), 1:59.10. 500m Canadian pairs: D Hoyer and O Boivin (Fr).

POLO: (3.0). Brosh Open championship (Cowdray Park); Cirencester Champion Cup (Cirencester).

SHOOTING: Combined Services meeting (Bisley).

SPEEDWAY: Sunbrite inter-nations championship: Second test: England v Australia v Sweden (7.45). Sunbrite national league: Second division: Milton Keynes v Rye House (7.30).

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Ian Woosnam: retains place as world No. 1

1:48.00. 1,000m kayak singles: B Bonomi (It), 3:41.10. 1,000m kayak pairs: Roman and Sánchez, 3:20.70. 1,000m Canadian singles: A Bos (Sp), 4:07.00. 1,000m Canadian pairs: Hoyer and Boivin, 3:45.60.

CYCLING: Individual pursuit: E Mancebo (Sp), 4min 39.61sec bt I Beltrami (It), 4:45.92. 50km points race: M Vita (It), 51.

FENCING: Men: Sabre: F Meglio (It) bt R Poinador (Sp), 5-0, 7-5.

TABLE TENNIS: Men's doubles: I Lupulescu and Z Pomorga (Yug) bt G Yaldiz and O Cimen (Tur), 21-11, 21-17. Women's doubles: J Fazlic and G Perkucin (Yug) bt Xiao Ming Weng and E Caubet (Fr), 13-21, 21-15, 23-21.

WEIGHTLIFTING: 110kg: N Oberburger (It), 362.5kg (snatch 157.5, jerk 185.0). Over 110 kg: V Lazzone (It), 387.5 (180.0, 207.5).

WRESTLING: Light-flyweight: I Sutruoglu (Tur), Fly: A Onal (Tur). Bantam: A Ak (Tur). Feather: S Trstena (Yug). Light: G Selimoglu (Tur), Welter: T Ceylan (Tur). Middle: SOztunk (Tur). Light-heavy: K Simsek (Tur). Mid-heavy: A Kavali (Tur). Heavy: M Demir (Tur).

NETBALL

SYDNEY: World championships: Pool A: Papua New Guinea 66, Namibia 60, Canada 56, Republic of Ireland 39, Cook Islands 75, Northern Ireland 45; New Zealand 66, Jamaica 63; Northern Ireland 66, Vanatua 31; Papua New Guinea 56, Hong Kong 37; New Zealand 86, Canada 24, Jamaica 73, Republic of Ireland 31. Republic of Ireland 70, Vanuatu 37; Namibia 61, Northern Ireland 61; New Zealand 104, Hong Kong 14; Cook Islands 77 Canada 51. Pool B: Sri Lanka 48, Cayman Islands 49; Malaysia 35, Singapore 49; Western Samoa 47, Scotland 46, Wales 31, Australia 77; Fiji 26, England 70; Cayman 1 57, Singapore 48; Sri Lanka 53, Malaysia 31; Australia 85, England 38, England 65, Western Samoa 30; Scotland 68, Singapore 26; Wales 66, Sri Lanka 40; Fiji 69, Cayman Islands 33.

SWIMMING

CARDIFF: Welsh championships: Men: Freestyle: 50m: 1, P Lewis (City of Cardiff), 24.74sec (Welsh record); 2, T Quill (City of Cardiff), 25.25; 3, J Sadler (Witney District), 25.45. 100m: 1, C Jones (City of Cardiff), 54.43; 2, Lewis, 54.68; 3, I Stuart (City of York), 54.88. 400m: C Jones, 4min 08.97sec. Backstroke: 100m: 1, I Reese (Torfaen), 1:01.32. 200m: G Robins (Portsmouth Northsea), 2.06.88. Breaststroke: 60m: N Polkinghorne (Kelly College), 30.13sec; 2, R Brown (Torfaen), 31.05. 200m: Polkinghorne, 2min 23.25sec. Butterfly: 50m: 1, I Sadler (Witney District), 26.51sec; 2, Lewis, 27.14. 200m: 1, M Hooper (Portsmouth Northsea), 2min 09.81sec; 2, C Bird (Kelly College), 2.10.39. 200m individual medley: 1, Robins, 2.10.35; 2, Jones, 2.10.83. 200m freestyle relay: City of Cardiff, 1.41.26. Women: Freestyle: 50m: 1, M Lock (City of Cardiff), 27.25sec; 2, S Hopkins (City of Chester), 27.83; 3, S Underhill (Anglesey), 28.28. 200m: 1, M Campbell (Portsmouth Northsea), 2min 03.73sec. 800m: 1, S Pogge (City of Newcastle), 9.00.59; 2, J Dearlove (Gloucester City), 9.00.62. Backstroke: 100m: Campbell, 1.07.53. 200m: 1, J Evans (City of Cardiff), 2.24.09; 2, D Salmon (Kelly College), 2.25.68. Breaststroke: 50m: 1, S Brownedon (City of Birmingham), 35.25sec. 100m: 1, L Pinchy (Kelly College), 1min 14.94sec; 2, Brownedon, 1.16.08. Butterfly: 100m: 1, Campbell, 1.03.14; 2, M Lock (City of Cardiff), 1.04.26. 200m butterfly: Campbell, 2.19.68. 200m individual medley: 1, Brownedon, 2.27.52. 200m freestyle relay: Kelly College, 1.52.80.

EVENING RACING

Windsor

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West Indians made to wait as DeFreitas makes a case for being considered an England all-rounder with his first half-century in 36 attempts

Sting in the tail gives selectors food for thought

By Alan Lee, cricket correspondent

TRENT BRIDGE (fourth day of five): West Indies, with nine second innings wickets standing, need 95 runs to beat England

SHORTLY before tea yesterday, England's three selectors could be seen through a window of the Trent Bridge pavilion, closeted in a private room with their private thoughts. They had convened as the West Indies prepared to win this third Test with more than a day to spare, yet by the time they broke up a fifth day was assured and a miracle was not out of the question.

If the remarkable events of the evening encouraged Messrs Gooch, Dexter and Stewart to postpone their solemn deliberations on defeat and its debtors, the same debate can surely resume some time today. And yet, by adding 96 for the last two wickets of an otherwise abysmal innings, the England tailenders at least required the West Indies to tackle a target rather than a formality.

Philip DeFreitas, whose urge for acceptance as an all-rounder has always foundered on the ticklish fact that he makes so few runs, scored his maiden Test half-century at the 36th attempt. He was joined, in a last-wicket stand of 58, by David Lawrence, who started out being protected by his partner but rapidly shed his minder and set about some increasingly desperate pace bowling with cheerful disrespect.

When West Indies at last set out in pursuit of 115 and the inspired Lawrence, his chest almost bursting buttons on his extra large shirt, took a wicket with his second delivery, the ground was in a ferment. There were those here, I am sure, who nudged their neighbours and reminded them of Headingley in 1981.

But when the reinflated bubble of this game quietly goes down this morning, England will be left to reflect on how they twice relinquished commanding positions with thoroughly poor cricket, first with the bat and then in the field, and how ultimately their best batting proved incapable of dealing with the quality fast bowling of Ambrose and Marshall.

At 25-3, on Saturday evening, England were beaten bar another of the heroic innings we have already seen in this series from Gooch and Smith. This time, however, Gooch was already gone; yesterday, his lieutenants let him down. Lamb added only one scoring stroke to his overnight 25 before departing a Test crease for what might just be the last time. Smith, having foiled all attempts to dislodge him in two previous innings spanning ten hours, could manage only 15. It was asking too much of him to carry the burden again.

It is an alarming fact that four of England's leading six do not boast a half-century between them in these first three Tests and, whatever the selectorial judgment may be, it seems inconceivable that they can remain loyal to the same order, even if they decline to alter the personnel.

Lamb was beaten twice by Ambrose and had a narrow escape against Marshall before falling in the day's fifth over. He became the third man in the game, after Gooch and Atherton, to be out without offering a stroke. Marshall won the lbw shout and it was difficult to argue.

Richards rested Ambrose surprisingly early, after only 40 minutes, but his choice of Walsh was, at first, fully vindicated. Smith, attempting to force off the back foot, misjudged the bounce and edged to slip; Russell was bowled off his pads by a ball keeping wickedly low and Pringle sliced a rising ball to gully.

In the midst of all this, Ramprakash's lengthy tenure was ended in Ambrose's first over from the Pavilion end, an over which emphasised how different the game can look when this huge man with the metronomic off-stump line and the imperceptible changes of pace and trajectory is in action. The bat was beaten four times in the over before Ramprakash went to one he did well to get any part of the bat on. Having begun with more care than in his eccentric first innings, DeFreitas quickly took a view that his best chance lay in counter-attack.

He rode his luck, being dropped on 22, but played some genuinely good strokes too. This has already been much his best series with the ball and now, at last, he is proving he can bat as well.

Illingworth's cut to gully brought Lawrence hustling in and if, at first, the West Indians were amused by his style, the smile soon faded. He was put mercilessly through the mill of short-pitch balls as the score mounted and Richards, who had extraordinarily left Walsh bowling unchanged for 20 overs, finally had to summon the redundant Allen to end the fun.

A day much interrupted by drizzle and darkness was now ablaze and Lawrence kept it burning. Simmons's impulsive drive, edged to Russell, might even have had England believing in the miracle. This morning, surely, they will be disabused.



On the run: Marshall successfully appeals for lbw against Lamb yesterday

Illingworth's tactics send a fatal signal

JOHN WOODCOCK

IF ENGLAND lose the third Test match today they could be said to have been doing so from the moment Illingworth began to bowl deliberately wide of the leg stump last Friday afternoon, when West Indies were 108 for three in reply to England's by no means contemptible first innings total of 300. It was a craven piece of cricket, which continued even after West Indies had lost a fourth wicket at 118.

Had it been a calculated effort to bowl in what rough patches there were outside the right-hander's leg stump, it would not have been entirely negative. That, after all, is a ploy long practised by left-arm spinners when their more orthodox methods have failed. Norman Gifford used it at times for Worcestershire, as Illingworth does himself.

When Richie Benaud bowled his leg breaks from round the wicket in the Old Trafford Test match of 1961, it was to pitch in the bowlers' footmarks. With England storming to victory, or so it seemed, he tried it as a last resort — with spectacular results. Within a couple of hours Australia had retained the Ashes. Ian Salisbury, one of the very few peddlars of leg spin in English cricket today, does it regularly for Sussex, though more as a protective measure than a means of wresting the initiative.

It has been suggested, erroneously, that Allan Border, another slow left-armer, spent a lot of time aiming at the footholds in the West Indies recently and thereby tying up their batsmen, but that is not so. He did a certain amount of it, it is true, but only, to any extent, in Georgetown, and of the five wickets he got there all were taken with balls pitching on or outside the off stump. Logie, for example, was caught at the wicket, and Haynes at silly mid-off.

Anyway, to suppose that Illingworth was not trying to bowl a questionable and particularly tedious form of leg theory, would be unfair to him — because that is how it looked. Had his target been the footholds, such as they were by then, he would surely not have bowled as wide as he did.

It is hard to see it as not having been a bad psychological error. It was like a football side, of whichever code, resorting to endless touch-kicking early in a match, to save itself from defeat. To make that more difficult the rules of rugger were changed, just as the laws of cricket would need to be if such bowling became commonplace. Tried when it was here, it conveyed to the West Indians, in unmistakable terms, that although England were doing quite well, they were already "kicking for touch".

So today, weather permitting and barring some wonderful surprise, England will be back at square one, their lead in the series gone, and with their confidence at a low ebb, despite their tailend rally yesterday. Those who had not played Test cricket against them until this summer know now that West Indies are a fiendishly different proposition from any of England's other opponents. Ramprakash is scoring slowly but growing up fast; Hick is finding success in county cricket, easily come by, to be a dangerous anodyne.

The English batting order is in some disorder, and West Indies have run into form. England will do well to share the series from here, let alone win it.

Pizza puts money on hockey league

By Sydney Friskin

A SPONSORSHIP package of £500,000 for three years by Pizza Express was announced yesterday for the expanded national hockey league which starts on September 29 with 18 teams in each of the two divisions. The overall benefit from the recently-expired Poundstretcher sponsorship was about the same.

In the first year, 1991-2, the Hockey Association will receive £100,000 for the running of the league. The sum of £50,000 will be spent on travelling expenses and hotel accommodation for the clubs who will now have to pay an increased entry fee of £500. It was £150 last season.

Pizza Express is already sponsor of the London League. Its managing director, Peter Boizot, a vice-president hopes that his support for the national league would continue to sharpen the image of the game and help England and Great Britain gain success at international and Olympic events.

☐ David Faulkner, captain of Havant, winners of the first division title last season, has told his club he will not be able to give total commitment next season as he needs a rest.

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SCOREBOARD FROM TRENT BRIDGE

England won toss

ENGLAND

FIRST INNINGS: 300 (G A Gooch 68, R A Smith 84 not out; C E L Ambrose 5-74).

Second Innings

		6s	4s	Min	Balls
*G A Gooch b Ambrose *Deceived by length, beaten on back foot*	13	-	1	54	42
M A Atherton b Marshall *Played on — attempting not to play*	4	-	1	8	6
G A Hick c Dujon b Ambrose *Inside edge as ball cut back*	0	-	-	9	3
A J Lamb lbw b Marshall *Stretched forward - playing no shot*	29	-	4	118	82
M R Ramprakash c Dujon b Ambrose *Edged lifting ball towards first slip*	21	-	-	171	118
R A Smith c Richards b Walsh *Edged rising ball to first slip*	15	-	1	59	37
†R C Russell b Walsh *Playing back to ball that kept low*	3	-	-	28	19
D R Pringle c Simmons b Walsh *From bat's shoulder to juggling gully*	3	-	-	44	33
P A J DeFreitas not out	55	-	4	130	86
R K Illingworth c Simmons b Walsh *Square cut to gully*	13	-	1	28	16
D V Lawrence c Hooper b Allen *Edged defensive shot to second slip*	34	-	5	57	38
Extras (lb 14, w 3, nb 4)	21				
Total (79 overs, 361 mins)	211				

FALL OF WICKETS: Fall 1-4 (Gooch 0), 2-8 (Gooch 3), 3-25 (Lamb 7), 4-67 (Ramprakash 9), 5-100 (Ramprakash 19), 6-106 (Russell 3), 7-106 (Pringle 0), 8-115 (DeFreitas 6), 9-153 (DeFreitas 31).

BOWLING: Ambrose 27-2-61-3 (nb 3) (9-5-13-2, 4-1-10-0, 14-1-38-1); Marshall 21-6-49-2 (nb 2, w 3) (9-2-22-1, 11-4-24-1, 1-0-3-0), Allen 7-2-23-1 (nb1) (5-2-5-0, 2-0-18-1); Walsh 24-7-64-4 (4-1-11-0, 20-6-53-4).

INTERMEDIATE SCORES: Third day: 50 in 112min (25.4 overs). Close at 54 for three (Lamb 25, Ramprakash 7, 27 overs). Fourth day: Rain stopped play at 12.12. Lunch at 12.50, at 96 for four (Ramprakash 18, Lamb 12, 42.2 overs). Further rain. Restart 2.30. 100 in 139min (44.3 overs). Tea at 141 for eight (DeFreitas 21, Illingworth 11, 65 overs). 150 in 300min (66.3 overs). 200 in 351min (77 overs). Bad light stopped play at 5.32 to 5.56 at 202 for nine (DeFreitas 53, Lawrence 27) in 77.4 overs. Innings closed at 6.02.

WEST INDIES

FIRST INNINGS: 397 (I V A Richards 80, A L Logie 78, M D Marshall 67).

Second Innings

		6s	4s	Min	Balls
P V Simmons c Russell b Lawrence *Thin edge to wicketkeeper*	1	-	-	7	3
D L Haynes not out	8	-	1	29	13
R B Richardson not out	10	-	1	20	19
Extras (nb 1)	1				
Total (1 wkt, 29 mins, 5.3 overs)	20				

FALL OF WICKET: 1-1 (Haynes 0 not out).

BOWLING: DeFreitas 3-0-8-0; Lawrence 2.3-0-12-1 (nb 2).

Umpires: J H Hampshire and M J Kitchen.

Kent plan to build new school

KENT county cricket club is to build a new full-size six-net £400,000 indoor cricket school on its St Lawrence ground at Canterbury.

Building will start next month and the school is scheduled to open in time for the schoolboy classes at Christmas.

The school will have a viewing gallery and will be multi-purpose, suitable for indoor football, hockey, basketball, badminton and aerobics.

A Caribbean family day with admission prices slashed by half is being staged by Kent for the second day of their game against the West Indians at Canterbury on Sunday July 21.

Admission price for the Sunday only has been cut from £4 to £2; a steel band will play during the interval.

Brian Luckhurst, the Kent cricket administrator, said: "Cutting the price like that is a bold step, and we hope it will pay off and attract people with their families into the ground to watch what has been the best team in the world over the last ten years."

Wimbledon must read signs of the time

By Andrew Longmore
Tennis Correspondent

IT WAS a confusing Wimbledon, a championship of more highs and lows than even the weather forecaster could muster. A monsoon in the first week, a brief heatwave on the final weekend, and through both tropical extremes a bewildering variety of themes and emotions that transcended the technical quality of the matches.

There was Navratilova's decline, Graf's revival and Stich's rise, and there was Andre Agassi. Almost single-handedly, Agassi kept hopes afloat during a miserable first week. When everything was under water and every announcement began with the words: "Ladies and Gentlemen, I'm afraid . . .," the colourful American whetted appetites.

He arrived on centre court in pristine white, but the freshness and the speed of his tennis were more dazzling. Even his five-set defeat by David Wheaton was over in two and three-quarter hours, which endeared him to Alan Mills, the hard-pressed tournament referee.

Miraculously, Mills nearly succeeded in keeping everyone happy. His most persistent critic was Boris Becker, who felt he had been asked to wait too long in the first week and play too much in the second. Becker had to play six times in seven days, which was a hard schedule for such a big man, and by the final he was physically and emotionally spent. "I feel very old," he said after losing his third final in four years.

But he was as dignified as ever in defeat. To lose to Edberg is acceptable, to lose to your Davis Cup partner, rather less so. But Becker still climbed over the net to conratulate the winner, which took some courage.

"I know the feeling he has," Becker said. He will know it again, too, but today he must have a strange feeling: No. 1 in the world, No. 2 in Germany. More than once on Sunday, Becker must have wished that Edberg, a much safer foe, had been on the other side of the net.

Like Becker when he first took the Wimbledon title at the age of 17 and celebrated his triumph with a takeaway pizza, like Graf when she won her first title three years ago, Stich knew no fear. He is five years older and a maturer character than Becker was then but his success, based on a relentless serve and boundless self-belief, is as unexpected, if only because in a game that seems to be moving faster every day, he has revived a touch of the gentleman amateur. Stich decided to turn to professional tennis only when he had completed his exams and gained a place at university.

One question awaits the Wimbledon committee when it sits down to review the 105th championships. Can it, in all honesty, ignore the success of the middle Sunday? The players think not. They enjoyed themselves hugely, Mexican wave and all, in a day of festivity that should become a regular part of the championships.

There is no excuse now. The fear that football-style entry would encourage football-style behaviour proved unfounded, and while the use of the middle Sunday was purely an emergency measure, the first Saturday is a ready alternative and one that should be taken.

Thought will also have to be given to encouraging variety in the men's game. Grass favours the serve-and-volleyer, but you can have too much of a good thing and the presence of four massive servers led to a thoroughly monotonous pair of semi-finals.

Courier, a baseliner, and Stich produced some of the best tennis of the fortnight in their quarter-final because, like McEnroe and Borg, there was a contrast of style. Softer, fluffier balls and softer, slower courts are two immediate ways of encouraging talented clay-courters like Courier and Agassi. But something needs to be done or the next generation might decide Wimbledon is not worth the effort. Like the middle Sunday, nothing is sacred.



Capriati: future winner

Not even Navratilova, who found Jennifer Capriati too spritely and the age gap of 19 years too overwhelming. The young American played the shot of the tournament, a backhand lob played with such precision and control under pressure that it is inconceivable she will not be back to win the title in a year or two.

Like Nick Brown, who produced the most remarkable result of the tournament in beating Goran Ivanisevic, there was no time for Capriati to steady herself after the euphoria. Brown at least produced the best quote of the championships. "Now I can retire a happy man," he said as he came off court.

He can, too, and concentrate on producing the British champion everyone craves. By then, though, the championships might have emigrated to Basingstoke or — given that three of the four singles finalists and the girls singles champion, Barbara Rittner, were German — to Berlin.

Wimbledon's attraction grows

AN ESTIMATED 500 million people from a record 75 countries, including for the first time Cyprus, the Lebanon and selected provinces in China, saw the Wimbledon singles finals on television last weekend (John Goodbody writes). In Britain, about 20 million people are expected to have watched the two matches.

The worldwide interest in the tournament in recent years will be the main reason for the surplus from the championships reaching about £10 million this year, compared with £85,854 in 1974. Imaginative selling of the championships by Mark McCormack, who is the All England Club's international television consultant, has led to the spectacular rise in profits.

The main growth recently has been in the United States, Europe and Japan, which this year screened 44 hours, compared with 19 hours in 1990. However, Trans World International, the television arm of McCormack's company, International Marketing Group (IMG), also made a 52-minute daily programme of highlights, which was distributed to 14 countries. The BBC has the facilities to cover five courts at one time and 12 foreign crews also had cameras at the championships.

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